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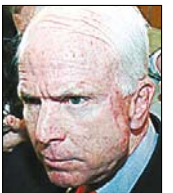
**RAIN RUN:** Jabaar Gray and Folsade Moonsammy dash across F Street NW seeking shelter from Tuesday afternoon's sudden downpour. As the region sweltered through the fourth day of a heat wave, the rain gave residents a small measure of relief — at least briefly. Temperatures were expected to reach into the 90s again on Wednesday, with storms expected to follow later in the day.

## 2 McCain Advisers Quit Staff

Top aides' resignations cast new doubts on faltering bid

WASHINGTON | John McCain jettisoned two top aides Tuesday, as the one-time Republican front-runner struggled to right a presidential bid in deep financial and political trouble.

Campaign manager Terry Nelson and chief strategist John Weaver offered McCain their resignations, which the Arizona senator accepted with "regret and deep gratitude for their dedication, hard work and friendship."



McCain

Other senior aides followed the two out the door, and the campaign announced that Rick Davis, who managed McCain's 2000 bid and is the current campaign's chief executive officer, will take over.

The second major staff shake-up in a week comes as McCain grapples with several problems, not the least of which are his dwindling bank account of some \$2 million and a slip in opinion polls. He also has staked out politically unpopular positions on two key issues — the Iraq war and immigration — that have hindered his candidacy.

Considered the GOP front-runner as the year began, McCain now faces significant hurdles to winning the Republican nomination that eluded him seven years ago. The senator is essentially restarting his campaign six months before the first voting begins.

"I think we're doing fine. I'm very happy with the campaign the way it is," McCain said at the Capitol. LIZ SIDOTI (AP)

**THEFT | Swing Shift** Nearly 4,800 fluorescent yellow golf balls are missing from a Kansas City, Kan., golf course after someone raided the driving range. Sunflower Hills Golf Course's Jeff Johnson said it would have taken someone hours Sunday night



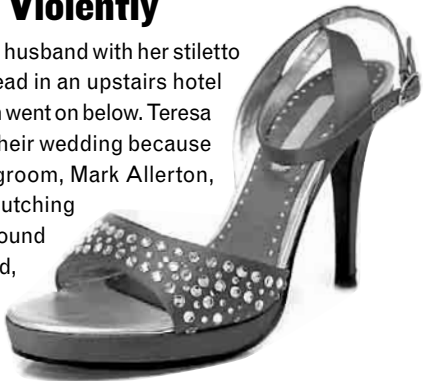
to pick the balls up from the range. And he has no idea whether the theft was an expensive prank — with an estimated loss of \$2,700 — or whether the culprits intend to sell the balls, though about half have Dr. Pepper logos on them. (AP) **EyeOpeners** | Page 2

# eyeOpeners

## FASHION

### To Have and to Hurl Violently

A Scottish bride attacked her new husband with her stiletto shoe, striking the groom in the head in an upstairs hotel room while their wedding reception went on below. Teresa Brown, 33, said she hit him after their wedding because he grabbed her. The distraught groom, Mark Allerton, 40, staggered to the front desk, clutching a bloody towel to his head. Police found Brown sitting on the hotel room bed, surrounded by broken glass. She spent the rest of her wedding weekend in a cell. (AP)



## RUMINANTS

### Plot Fails When Cows Stop to Graze

A group of women want equality in Pamplona's San Fermin-bull running festival, ending Saturday — they are demanding cow runs. "If the boys run ahead of the bulls, we [women] have to

run with the cows," said a petition on a Spanish student Web site. The initiative has received dozens of messages of support. "Cows, like bulls, have four legs, too, and a natural instinct to run," the group insists. "A cow run would fill a fundamental void: What do we women do at 8 in the morning when the boys are risking their lives?" (AP)

## AVOIDANCE

### Next Time, Just Say You're a Lawyer

A Cape Cod, Mass., man who claimed he was homophobic, racist and a habit-

ual liar to avoid jury duty earned an angry rebuke Monday from a judge, who referred the case to prosecutors for possible charges. "In 32 years of service in courtrooms, as a prosecutor, as a defense attorney and now as a

judge, I have, quite frankly, never confronted such a brazen situation of an individual attempting to avoid juror service," Judge Gary Nickerson told Daniel Ellis, who was then taken into custody. (AP)



TIMOTHY A. CLARY/AP/GETTY IMAGES

## ANGLES

### Totally Square

Many little girls dream of marrying in a marketing gimmick for a giant Internet concern. Jessica Stern, 29, and Kenneth Haim, 30, sealed the deal on New York's Fifth Avenue in the first-ever "Wedding in a Box" ceremony. (Sponsored by iVillage!) The promotional item in question is a clear box containing all the fixins for a wedding: dress, tux, cake, etc. (EXPRESS)



## Top Stops

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"The effort to try and make marijuana available for medical uses is really a way to legalize it. There's no reason for it."

— Presidential candidate Rudy Giuliani, at a campaign stop on Tuesday in New Hampshire

## Nation

### In Brief

#### WASHINGTON

##### South Dakota Will Be Home To Underground Laboratory

The National Science Foundation on Tuesday chose South Dakota's closed Homestake Gold Mine as the site for a new underground physics lab to study the history and makeup of the universe. The project, called the Deep Underground Science and Engineering Laboratory, will be located in the northern Black Hills and will be the largest and deepest facility of its kind in the world. (AP)



A section of Boston's Big Dig tunnel collapsed in July 2006, killing a woman.

#### WASHINGTON

##### Report Blames Weak Epoxy For Boston Tunnel Collapse

The fatal Big Dig tunnel collapse in Boston could have been avoided if authorities had considered that the epoxy securing tons of ceiling panels could slowly pull away, investigators concluded Tuesday. The National Transportation Safety Board approved a report saying the likely cause of the accident that killed a woman was an epoxy that could not sustain long-term loads. (AP)

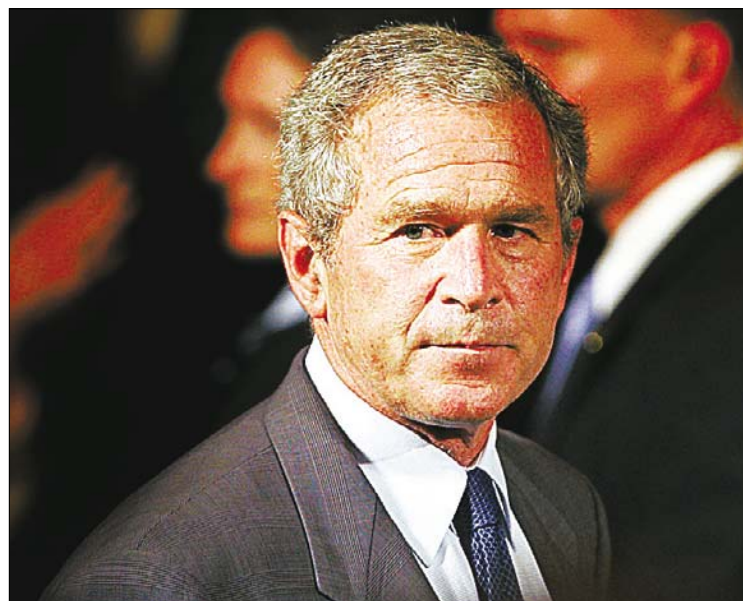
# Bush Stands Firm on Iraq Strategy

## President rules out tactical shift as unrest grows on Capitol Hill

WASHINGTON | The Bush administration ruled out any quick shift in military strategy in Iraq on Tuesday, despite growing bipartisan calls in the Senate for a troop withdrawal and sharp criticism of the Iraqi government.

As the Senate opened a new debate on the conflict, one of the president's staunchest supporters bluntly said the administration had pursued the wrong policy for years after toppling Saddam Hussein from power. "The strategy we had before was not the right strategy," said Sen. Christopher Bond, R-Mo. "We should have had a counterinsurgency strategy."

President Bush, facing new pressure to start bringing U.S. troops home from Iraq, said Tuesday he



President Bush defended his Iraq war strategy on Tuesday in Cleveland. Bush said he is waiting on a military assessment in September to judge progress in Iraq.

will not consider it until hearing a fresh assessment from his top commander there this fall.

"That's what the American people expect. They expect for military people to come back and tell us how the

military operations are going," Bush said. "And that's the way I'm going to play it as commander in chief."

Gen. David Petraeus is due in September to present a progress report to Congress about the effects of the recently completed troop buildup in Iraq. Frustration in Congress — among leaders of both parties — has led to calls for changes in strategy before then.

Back in Washington, the Senate wrestled with a defense spending bill, including efforts to withdraw troops and other ideas to wind down the war. With Republican support fading, and a new report expected to show little progress, the war continued to hang over Bush.

The closest he came to signaling a troop withdrawal was to say, "I believe we can be in a different position in a while." He described that as a troop level that would remain high enough to protect Iraq.

BEN FELLER AND DAVID ESPO (AP)

## EPA Probing Radiation Near Lejeune

### Cancer-causing waste may have been buried outside military base

RALEIGH, N.C. | The Environmental Protection Agency is investigating whether cancer-causing radioactive material was buried in the 1980s near Camp Lejeune, the Marine Corps' primary base on the Atlan-



Thousands of Marines were exposed to harmful toxins at Camp Lejeune.

tic Ocean.

A recently recovered Navy document dated 1981 said the material included 160 pounds of soil and two animal carcasses laced with strontium-90, an isotope that causes cancer and leukemia.

"We are looking into this information to determine if we need to sample and where," said Dawn Harris-Young, an EPA spokeswoman.

Over three decades, tens of thousands of Marines at Camp Lejeune and their families drank and bathed in water contaminated with as many as 40 times more toxins than permitted by safety standards. The wells had been contaminated with industrial solvents and were shut off in the mid-1980s.

At least 850 former residents of the base have filed claims against the military, seeking nearly \$4 billion, for exposure to the tainted water. ESTES THOMPSON (AP)

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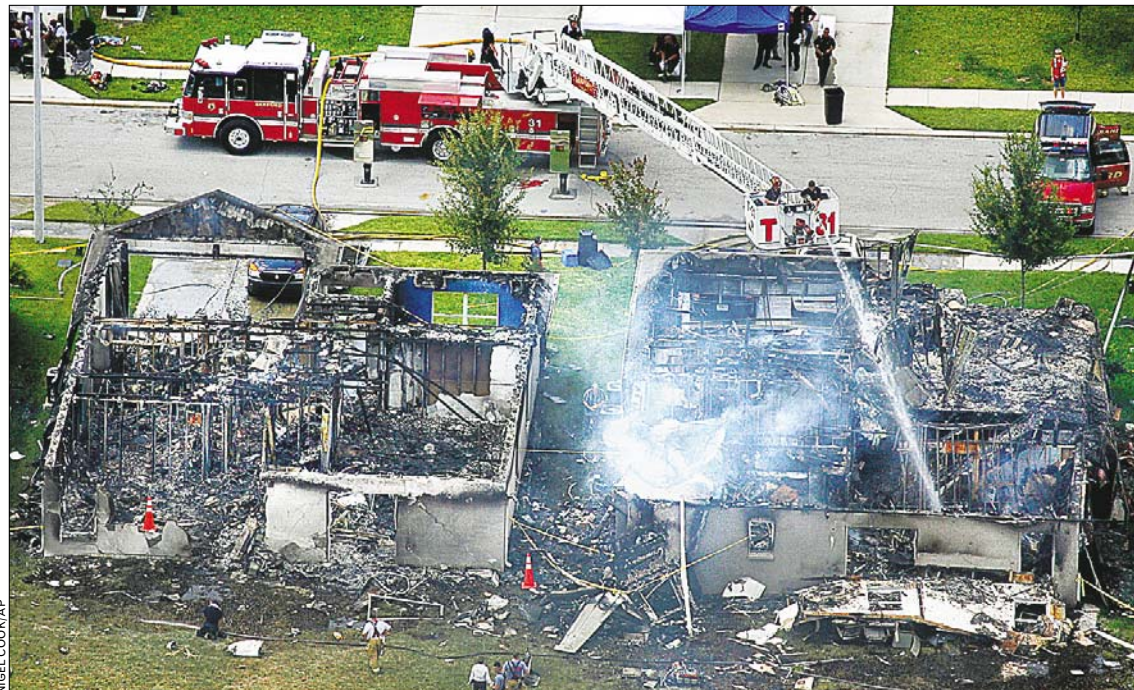
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## Nation

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The number of copies, in thousands, publisher Alfred A. Knopf is printing for the first run of Hillary Clinton's new book, "Giving," which will be released on Sept. 4.



Firefighters work to contain a blaze that gutted two homes in Sanford, Fla., after a twin-engine plane crashed on Tuesday.

## Small-Plane Crash Kills 5

### Aircraft goes down in Fla. neighborhood, starts 2 house fires

**SANFORD, FLA.** | A small plane carrying the husband of a NASCAR executive crashed into a neighborhood while trying to make an emergency landing Tuesday, killing five people and starting two house fires that seriously burned three other people, authorities said.

NASCAR confirmed that Dr. Bruce Kennedy, a Daytona Beach plastic surgeon and husband of

International Speedway Corporation President Lesa France Kennedy, and NASCAR Aviation pilot Michael Klemm were among the dead.

Authorities said an adult and two children died in the homes that were quickly gutted by the fire after the airplane crashed in the suburban Orlando neighborhood around 8:40 a.m.

Matt Minnetto, an investigator with the Sanford Fire Department, said the plane itself was scattered in several pieces across the area. Among the three survivors was a

boy about 10 years old who had burns over 80 to 90 percent of his body, Minnetto said.

"It was an extremely intense fire," Minnetto said

The twin-engine Cessna 310 had been traveling from Daytona Beach to Lakeland when the pilot declared smoke in the cockpit shortly before the crash, said Kathleen Bergen with the Federal Aviation Administration.

The pilot was trying to land at the Orlando Sanford International Airport when the plane went down, Bergen said. **TRAVIS REED (AP)**

## 'Ginormous' Gets Dictionary Listing

### Sudoku, speed dating among terms added to Merriam-Webster

**SPRINGFIELD, MASS.** | It was a ginormous year for the wordsmiths at Merriam-Webster.

Along with embracing the adjective that combines "gigantic" and "enormous," the dictionary publishers also got into Bollywood, sudoku and speed dating.

But their interest in India's motion picture industry, number

#### SPEAK THE LANGUAGE

Merriam-Webster is adding about 100 words to its collegiate dictionary, including:

- Crunk
- DVR
- Smackdowns
- Telenovelas
- Microgreen

puzzles and trendy ways to meet people was all meant for a higher cause: updating the company's collegiate dictionary.

"There will be linguistic conservatives who will turn their nose up at a word like 'ginormous,'" said John Morse, Merriam-Webster's president. "But it's become a part of our language."

Merriam-Webster editors have spotted the word in countless newspaper and magazine articles since 2000, which is essentially the criteria for making it into the collegiate dictionary.

But as editor Jim Lowe puts it: "Nobody has to use 'ginormous' if they don't want to." **ADAM GORLICK (AP)**





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**FLAKING OUT:** Thousands of Argentines cheered and threw snowballs in the streets of Buenos Aires on Monday as the capital's first major snowfall since 1918 spread a thin, white, snowy layer across the region. The snow followed a bitter cold snap in late May.

## World

### In Brief



A car bears damage from an overnight raid in the Sadr City area of Baghdad.

#### BAGHDAD

#### 3 Killed, 18 Wounded In Green Zone Mortar Attack

Extremists unleashed a barrage of more than a dozen mortars or rockets into the Green Zone on Tuesday, killing at least three people — including an American — and wounding 18 in an area once considered the safest in the Iraqi capital. An Iraqi and a “third country national” were also killed in the attack, the U.S. Embassy said in a statement. The embassy said the 18 wounded included five Americans — two military members and three civilian contract employees. (AP)

#### TRIPOLI, LIBYA

#### Settlement Reached With Families of HIV-Infected Kids

A settlement has been reached in the case of five Bulgarian nurses and a Palestinian doctor who have been sentenced to death in Libya for allegedly infecting 400 children with the AIDS virus, the spokesman for the country's Gadhafi foundation said Tuesday. Foundation spokesman Salah Abdessalem did not say how the deal reached with families of the HIV-infected children would affect the case against the six foreign medical workers. (AP)

#### TEHRAN, IRAN

#### Judiciary Widens Probe Into Cases of Detained Americans

Fresh evidence has pushed Iran's judiciary to launch new investigations into the cases of two Iranian-Americans held on charges of endangering national security, a judiciary spokesman said Tuesday. Haleh Esfandiari and Ali Tajbakhsh continue to be detained and investigations have been broadened, said Ali Reza Jamshidi, the spokesman for Iran's judiciary. (AP)



An aerial view of Islamabad's Red Mosque and the Jamia Hafsa seminary during a lull in the Pakistani military push Tuesday.

## Cleric Dies in Mosque Raid

### Pakistani forces launch assault on standoff site, killing at least 50

ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN | Pakistani commandos battled diehard Islamic militants holed up in a radical mosque Tuesday, killing an extremist cleric and dozens of his follow-

ers in a day long assault that ignited fiery protests and calls for revenge by Islamic extremists.

The army said more than 50 militants and eight soldiers died during fighting that began before dawn, and gunfire and explosions still could be heard late into the night. Officials said troops were trying to clear militants from res-

idential quarters next to one of the compound's two schools.

Among the dead was pro-Taliban cleric Abdul Rashid Ghazi, who had been the public face of a campaign by the Red Mosque leaders to use their students to impose puritanical

Islamic rule in the capital.

Ghazi's body was found in the basement of the women's religious school in the compound after a fierce gunbattle, according to a senior Interior Ministry official, Brig. Javed Iqbal Cheema.

Several security officials said Ghazi had been hit by two bullets and gave no response when ordered to surrender. Soldiers then fired another volley and found him dead, said the officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Elite troops attacked the mosque after a nearly weeklong siege failed to induce militants to surrender. Ghazi's older brother, Abdul Aziz, the mosque leader, was captured last week trying to slip out dressed in a woman's burqa as hundreds of people left the compound.

Officials declined to estimate how many people were still inside Tuesday night, but a local relief agency said the army asked for 400 white funeral shrouds.

The government had sought to avoid a battle, fearing heavy bloodshed would worsen public discontent with President Gen. Pervez Musharraf. He is opposed by Islamic hard-liners for allying with the U.S., and angered many Pakistanis by trying to oust the chief justice. ZARAR KHAN (AP)

**Standoff:** For a photo gallery of the raid on the Red Mosque and a 2 p.m. discussion with conflict analysis expert Craig Cohen, visit [washingtonpost.com/world](http://washingtonpost.com/world)

## China Executes Ex-Safety Official

### Former top regulator convicted of taking cash for OK'ing drugs

BEIJING | China executed the former head of its food and drug watchdog for approving untested medicine for cash, a show of Beijing's seriousness about product safety.

During Zheng Xiaoyu's tenure as head of the State Food and Drug Administration from 1997 to 2006, the agency approved six medicines that turned out to be fake, and some drug-makers used falsified documents to apply for approvals, according to state media reports Tuesday. One antibiotic caused the deaths of at least 10 people.

In North America earlier this



Zheng Xiaoyu was sentenced to death for taking cash and gifts worth \$832,000.

year, pet food containing Chinese wheat gluten tainted with the chemical melamine was blamed for the deaths of dogs and cats. Since then, U.S. authorities have turned away or recalled toxic fish, juice contain-

ing unsafe color additives and toys decorated with lead paint.

Zheng's death sentence was unusually heavy even for China, believed to carry out more court-ordered executions than all other nations combined, and indicates the leadership's determination to confront the country's dire product safety record.

Zheng, 63, was convicted of taking cash and gifts worth \$832,000 when he was in charge of the SFDA.

He was sentenced to death on May 29 and his appeal for leniency was rejected on June 12. China's Supreme Court approved the sentence, saying Zheng “committed vile crimes and caused extreme harm to society.” ANITA CHANG (AP)

## Abbas: Al-Qaeda Infiltrating Gaza

RAMALLAH, WEST BANK | Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas accused Gaza's Hamas rulers of allowing al-Qaeda to infiltrate the coastal strip, and Hamas militants on Tuesday hotly denied the allegation.

In an interview Monday with Italy's RAI TV, Abbas charged that “thanks to the support of Hamas, al-Qaeda is entering Gaza.” Abbas offered no evidence to back up his allegations.

Hamas spokesman Sami Abu Zuhri accused Abbas of trying to whip up sentiment against Hamas, which abruptly vanquished the president's forces in Gaza last month and unseated his Fatah political party in 2006 parliamentary elections. (AP)



## World



**SNACK ATTACK:** A resort town in Brazil hopes a steel-and-plastic net will stop piranhas from taking a bite out of bathers — and its tourism industry. Authorities in Palmas, Brazil, say 180 cases of bathers being bitten by piranhas have been reported so far this year at La Prata beach.

# Bombing at Afghan Market Kills 19

## Suicide blast targeting NATO inflicts heavy toll on nearby students

KANDAHAR, AFGHANISTAN | A suicide bomber targeted a NATO patrol in a crowded marketplace filled with schoolchildren Tuesday, killing 19 people, including 13 elementary school students — an attack the U.N. and NATO quickly criticized for harming so many civilians.

The bombing — one of the deadliest of the year — injured at least 35 Afghans and eight Dutch soldiers patrolling on foot, whom the bomber apparently had targeted.

Both the United Nations and NATO criticized the Taliban, which claimed responsibility for the attack, over the civilian deaths — an issue the U.S. and NATO have taken heat for



**IN HARM'S WAY:** NATO medics provide medical treatment for an Afghan boy wounded in a suicide attack in the southern Afghan province of Uruzgan Tuesday.

this year because dozens, if not hundreds, of innocent Afghans have been killed by Western military action.

The governor of northeast Kunar province, Shelzai Dedar, meanwhile, said a government investigation found NATO military action in Kunar last week killed 27 civilians along with 37 militants. NATO has said it had no evidence of civilian casualties from the battle.

Details about Tuesday's bombing varied. The deputy district police chief, Jahih Kawi Khan, said 19 were killed and 35 wounded, while the Interior Ministry said 17 died, and the provincial health department chief said 51 were wounded.

One detail all agreed on was the severe toll inflicted on schoolchildren. The provincial health chief, Dr. Luma Khan, said most of the wounded were students. NOOR KHAN (AP)

## Al-Qaeda's No. 2 Warns U.K. Over Rushdie Honor

EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND | Al-Qaeda's deputy leader threatened a jittery Britain on Tuesday with more attacks, accusing London of defying the Islamic world by honoring novelist Salman Rushdie.

The tape of a 20-minute speech by al-Qaeda second-in-command Ayman al-Zawahri surfaced on the Internet amid heightened concern about terrorism in Britain, following last month's attack in Glasgow and the discovery of two car bombs that failed to go off in London.

In the tape, al-Zawahri said the knighthood announced last month defied the Islamic world and that a "very precise response" was being prepared. The authenticity of the tape could not be independently confirmed. (AP)

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**CHEAP OWNERS:** A Virginia law that took effect July 1 requires veterinarians to send a copy of every dog's new rabies vaccination certificate to the treasurer's office, which can then bill the owner for a license. The new law has drawn criticism from the Virginia Hunting Dogs Association.

## Local

# Md. Budget Cuts Criticized

## State workers union claims cuts threaten valuable services

ANNAPOLIS, MD. | Budget cuts announced by Gov. Martin O'Malley this week will either stretch Maryland's services or leave too much fat in government.

It depends on who you ask.

Moments after O'Malley announced details of his cuts — more than \$128 million to be approved Wednesday by the Board of Public Works — critics derided the plan.

A state workers union said the cuts threaten services to the most vulnerable Marylanders, from those

**MD. STATE BUDGET CUTS**  
Gov. Martin O'Malley has proposed \$280 million in reductions. Among the highlights:

→\$47M: From the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, which includes Medicaid and aid to nursing homes.

→\$12M: From the University System of Maryland.

→\$11M: From the Department of Public Safety and Corrections. Includes \$8 million in savings from closing the state prison in Jessup.

→\$10.5M: From the Department of Education, including eliminating 21 vacant positions.

in foster care to those treated by emergency responders.

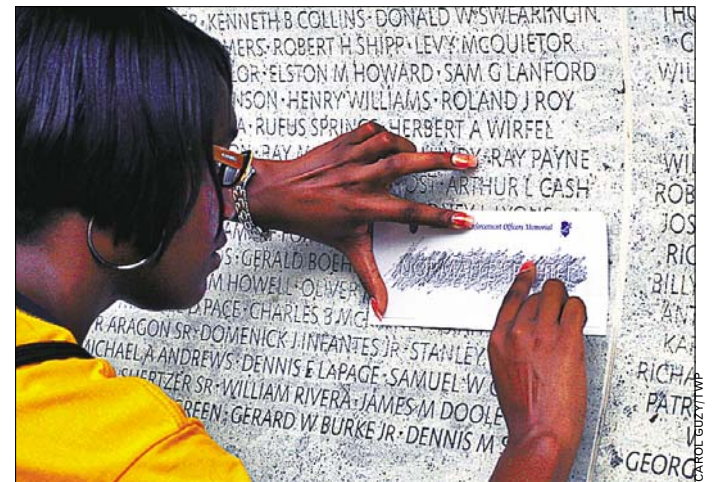
Meanwhile, Republicans said the cuts represent less than 1 percent of the current fiscal year budget and won't do enough to plug a projected deficit that falls somewhere between \$1.4 billion and \$1.5 billion.

O'Malley said the cuts represent a first step in fixing the fiscal problem, which he said was caused by an income tax cut and an education funding expansion approved by lawmakers several years ago.

"We need to restrain spending," O'Malley said.

The cuts include \$128 million in current spending, plus eliminating \$60 million left unspent from last year. (AP)

## WASHINGTON | CHILDREN PAY RESPECTS TO PARENTS



**PRESERVING MEMORIES:** Alexandria Spruiel etched her father's name Tuesday while visiting the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial with fellow recipients of the Vantagepoint Public Employee Memorial Scholarship, for relatives of fallen police officers. Her father was shot by a repeat offender while on an undercover assignment in Detroit in 1993.

# Va. Bans Poultry Sale After Bird Flu Finding

## State Agriculture Department says humans not at risk

ROANOKE, VA. | Virginia banned all live poultry sales and shows for the rest of July following the discovery of avian flu antibodies in a flock of 54,000 turkeys on a Shenandoah County farm.

State veterinarian Richard Wilkes issued an order Monday canceling all sales and exhibitions, Elaine Lidholm, a spokeswoman for the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, said Tuesday. The ban remains in effect until July 30.

The avian influenza strain poses

no danger to humans, Lidholm said. "The danger is really to the industry," she said.

Wilkes also issued a ban in 17 counties on the transfer and application of poultry litter, a combination of floor shavings and manure that is either processed into fertilizer or spread directly on fields.

The antibodies discovered in the turkey flock match those in a mild strain of avian influenza, but a U.S. Department of Agriculture laboratory is conducting tests to determine whether the antibodies are for low or the more severe high pathogenicity. Nearly 5 million birds were killed in 2002 when Virginia had a full-fledged avian flu outbreak. (AP)

## Maryland Child Molester Arrested

HAGERSTOWN, MD. | Federal authorities have arrested an ordained rabbi from Hagerstown, convicted in Maryland and New York for sexu-

ally abusing children, after he was deported from India for allegedly violating his parole.

Alan Horowitz, 60, was arrested at

an airport in Newark, N.J., at about 4 a.m. Sunday, the U.S. Marshals Service reported. The former Hagerstown, Md., child psychiatrist was convicted in 1983 of sexually assaulting two brothers, ages 12 and 8. (AP)

# Depressed?

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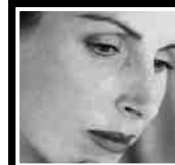
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Evening Pick 4 (Mon.) **4-1-3-8**  
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# Money

## Patients Sizing Up Hospital Care

### New resources ramp up tools for comparing provider performance

Amid a broad push to bring more accountability to the U.S. health care system, consumers have access to a growing range of data on hospital quality.

Just a few years ago, only a handful of resources offered such data — some of it too broad to apply to individual hospitals. But now, the federal government, state agencies and a number of private entities are stepping up their push for greater “transparency” of hospital practices. They are mining Medicare data and state records and surveying hospitals to come up with user-friendly databases to help consumers comparison-shop for care.

To be sure, many communities still have just one or two hospitals to pick from — and in an emergency, choosiness may not be an option. But hospital systems are expanding, and high-profile institutions are increasingly competing for patients across the country.

Such public comparisons sometimes make hospitals and doctors uneasy, but disclosure

### SHOPPING AROUND

Among the benchmarks to check when comparing hospitals:

→ **Best practices data:** A number of resources, including Medicare, publish statistics on how well hospitals adhere to treatment guidelines. One of the best-known sources for hospital data may be Hospital Compare ([www.hospitalcompare.hhs.gov](http://www.hospitalcompare.hhs.gov)).

→ **Outcomes data:** A growing range of public and private entities disclose information on how well patients actually fare. A private company, Health Grades Inc. ([www.healthgrades.com](http://www.healthgrades.com)), provides doctor and hospital data on a wide range of outcomes.

→ **Reputation:** Word of mouth can help fill in the gaps that the numbers don't address. (WSJ)

can also inspire change, says Marc Volavka, executive director of the Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council, which analyzes data on hospitals in that state. “If, in the light of day, problems are shown,” he says, “that spurs improvement more than anything else you can imagine.” THEO FRANCIS (THE WALL STREET JOURNAL)

## In Brief

### NEW YORK

#### Stocks Drop as Retailers Offer Weak Profit Forecasts

Stocks plunged Tuesday as investors, nervous about upcoming earnings reports, cringed at troubling forecasts from retailers Home Depot and Sears and at soaring oil prices. The Dow Jones industrial average fell more than 100 points. The market seemed to be following the pattern of previous earnings seasons, turning lower as second-quarter reports had a rocky start. Home Depot Inc., Sears Holdings Corp. and home builder D.R. Horton Inc. offered dreary outlooks that suggested the sluggish housing market may dampen consumer spending. (AP)

### NEW YORK

#### S&P May Cut Credit Rating Of Subprime-Backed Bonds

Standard & Poor's is considering cutting the credit rating of more than \$12 billion in bonds backed by risky home loans as more borrowers miss payments, the ratings agency said Tuesday. These bonds — sold by some of Wall Street's biggest banks — represent a principal source of financing for the housing market. Standard & Poor's Ratings Service, the credit-rating division of McGraw-Hill Cos., said it may slash its rating on 612 classes of mortgage-backed bonds. (AP)

## Market Action

### New York Stock Exchange

#### Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
GraphPk	5.76	+0.87	+17.8
GreenbCos	33.15	+4.52	+15.8
AllisChE	26.17	+1.52	+6.2
NatcoG	50.58	+2.68	+5.6
FrankCov	8.62	+0.42	+5.1

#### Losers

Valhi s	17.59	-3.08	-14.9
TOUSA	3.25	-.37	-10.2
NovaStar	7.92	-.75	-8.7
ACA Cap n	9.57	-.88	-8.4
Americdt	24.42	-2.12	-8.0

### NASDAQ Stock Market

#### Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Fonar rs	7.41	+3.20	+76.1
OceanB	2.55	+.82	+47.4
EchelonC	20.55	+4.98	+32.0
BigBand n	14.75	+1.63	+12.4
loma	1.77	-.06	-3.3

#### Losers

Depomed	2.00	-2.93	-59.4
Unica	11.58	-4.02	-25.8
PhysnsFn	11.88	-4.02	-25.3
Local.com	8.87	-2.28	-20.4
Pantry	39.82	-6.85	-14.7

### Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	8.25	8.25
Fed Funds close	5.20	5.20
3-month disc	4.81	4.82
2-year	4.85	4.88
10-year	5.03	5.04
30-year	5.13	5.14

### Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.4934	.4963	.5433
Canadian Dollar	1.0512	1.0484	1.1252
European Euro	.7284	.7341	.7854
Japanese Yen	122.03	123.33	114.10
Mexican Peso	10.8142	10.7582	10.9875
Taiwanese Dollar	32.86	32.77	32.31

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
-148.27	-30.86	-21.73
-1.09	-1.16	-1.42
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### Media Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
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ClearChan	37.79	-.40	+6.3
Comcast s	27.60	-.69	-2.2
Comc sp s	27.47	-.67	-1.6
DirecTV	24.79	+.40	-.6
Disney	33.89	-.57	+1.1
EchoStar	43.37	-.69	+14.0
GpTelevisa	27.24	-.66	+.9
McGrwH	64.24	-2.98	-5.6
NewsCpA	21.27	-.47	-1.0
NewsCpB	23.05	-.48	+3.5
Thomson	42.24	-.16	+1.9
TW Cable n	39.89	-.11	+2.5
TimeWarn	20.51	-.48	-5.8
ViacomB	41.58	-.78	+1.3



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The number of points the United States scored in a shutout against South Korea in the American football World Cup. The team scored 28 points in the first quarter of its first game on the way to a record for the tournament, which has been played twice before.

## Sports



Sidney Crosby led the NHL with 120 points (36 goals, 84 assists) last year.

## Crosby Inks 5-Year Contract

20-year-old Penguins star center signs a deal worth \$43.5 million

**HOCKEY** | Sidney Crosby has a new contract before his 20th birthday and his eye on the Stanley Cup for the Pittsburgh Penguins.

The NHL MVP and scoring champion signed a five-year extension through the 2012-13 season worth \$43.5 million. The deal leaves room for the team to re-sign other young stars, such as Evgeni Malkin and Jordan Staal, in the coming seasons.

"It feels great, especially with the group of guys we have, to know I'm going to be able to grow with these guys and spend a while with them," Crosby said. "To have that sense of security, it definitely feels good."

The three-year contract Crosby signed as a rookie lasts through the coming season, and the five-year extension keeps him under contract for the next six seasons. Crosby may negotiate a new deal shortly before he turns 26, when he should be in his prime, agent Pat Brisson said.

"The main goal here was that we had to establish that Sidney is all about winning," Brisson said. "He wanted to obviously help general manager Ray Shero put the right numbers together to help the team."

JOE MANDAK (AP)

# A-Rod's Record-Breaking Talent

Bonds says he expects the All-Star shortstop to be home run king

**BASEBALL** | Alex Rodriguez laughed.

Barry Bonds had just suggested that if he does indeed break Hank Aaron's home run record, A-Rod will top Bonds' figure before too long.

"I kind of feel shy talking about it because I hit 14 or 15 home runs in April, and they said I was going to hit 140," Rodriguez said Monday. "I think it's kind of ridiculous, but I take that as a compliment."

Bonds, who turns 43 on July 24, entered the All-Star break with 751 homers, four shy of Hank Aaron's record. Rodriguez, who turns 32 on July 27, leads the majors with 30 home runs this season, raising his career total to 494.

Asked whether A-Rod would make his reign short, Bonds quickly replied: "Oh, definitely."

"His talent is unbelievable. I don't think people really appreciate his talent. His eye-hand coordination, his actual strength, his actual recognition of the ball, those



Alex Rodriguez takes infield practice before Monday's home run derby. The Yankees shortstop has already hit 30 home runs this season and 494 in his career.

are things you can't teach," Bonds said. "It's great because I know what he knows, and I can see what he sees. I'm just older and can't do it as often. Willie [Mays] told me 'I see what you see, I just can't do it anymore.'"

Rodriguez repeatedly said he will celebrate when Bonds tops Aaron's mark.

"I would get [off] my couch to go pay a ticket and go watch him play," Rodriguez said.

While Bonds is being celebrated with the All-Star game in his home park this year, next year's All-Star game will be at Yankee Stadium. But will A-Rod still be a Yankee?

Rodriguez can opt out of the final three seasons of his record \$252 million, 10-year contract and become a free agent after the World Series. He refuses to discuss his intentions but looks forward to being at Yankee Stadium that night.

"It's going to be sentimental for a lot of people," he said. "Hopefully, I'm there." RONALD BLUM (AP)

**Late game:** The All-Star Game actually means something now. Find out who it helped | **Today's Post, Sports**

## Hype Arrives From Across the Pond

Beckham brings fame, endorsements and money to the U.S.

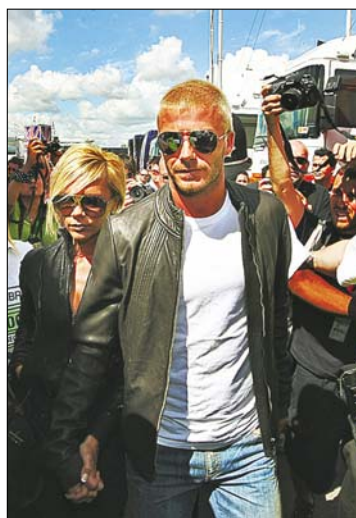
**SOCCER** | The English have been gaga over David Beckham for years, for reasons not yet fully understood in America.

The short version is Beckham, along with being the master of many hairstyles, has a special talent for kicking a stationary soccer ball just where he wants it.

That's big stuff in England. Ordinarily, though, it might not cause much of a buzz among the beautiful people of Tinseltown.

He's also got a beaut of a contract and endorsements that will pay him untold millions to play for the Los Angeles Galaxy.

Beckham begins earning that



Victoria and David Beckham are mobbed at a Formula One race last weekend.

contract on Friday when he'll be introduced at the Galaxy's home field, and the perfect media storm

begins to brew. A few days later, his wife's trip to America will get more prime-time U.S. television coverage than the Beatles did when they first came over.

But that's merely the beginning.

On July 21, ESPN will wave the pom-poms for three hours cheering Beckham's arrival in a show that will include everything except a concert by the Spice Girls. Adidas will run constant commercials featuring Beckham and NFL star Reggie Bush, and Motorola will pay him millions to sell phones.

Americans, whose willingness to fall for hype has never been overestimated, will undoubtedly be entranced by it all.

And then Beckham will actually play a game. TIM DAHLBERG (AP)

## Charge Against Ravens' McNair Is Dropped

**RAVENS** | The drunken-driving charge against Ravens quarterback Steve McNair was dropped Tuesday because a related DUI charge against his brother-in-law was reduced to reckless driving.

"It's good. I'm glad it's over," McNair said as he left the courtroom.

When asked whether he would change how he handles himself when he goes out at night, McNair did not answer.

McNair was a passenger when Nashville police stopped his pickup truck May 9 for speeding. The former Tennessee Titan was charged because police said McNair allowed his vehicle to be driven by someone who was inebriated. TERESA M. WALKER (AP)





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## Sports

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**IN A TACK MODE:** Competitors in the laser class start the medal race at the 2007 Sailing World Championships in Cascais, outside of Lisbon, Portugal, on Tuesday. Australia's Tom Slingsby won with 43 points.

## Depleted United Begins Open Cup

Team will bring mostly  
role players, reserves to  
game vs. Harrisburg

**UNITED** | Competing for as many as six major trophies this season and coming off two difficult road games in sweltering conditions, D.C. United will open its U.S. Open Cup campaign Wednesday night in Pennsylvania with a squad composed mostly of role players and reserves, while mainstays such as Christian Gomez, Jaime Moreno, Ben Olsen and Luciano Emilio will rest ahead of Saturday's home game against FC Dallas.



Gomez

The Open Cup represents the country's one piece of authentic soccer tradition. Established in 1914, the single-elimination tournament is open to all pro and amateur teams and routinely offers small clubs the opportunity to test themselves against major league opposition. Although an MLS club has failed to win the title

just once since the league's establishment in 1996, early round upsets do happen. Twice United has lost to second division teams, and on six occasions a club at the third or fourth level of American soccer has dispatched an MLS team.

In Wednesday night's round of 16, United will face a third-tier club, the Harrisburg City Islanders. D.C. hasn't claimed the trophy since 1996, but it appears confident that a team featuring regulars Troy Perkins, Brian Carroll, Josh Gros and Bobby Boswell will be good enough to advance.

United (7-5-2 in MLS) weathered the recent Copa America call-ups of Moreno, Olsen and Boswell decently and benefited from a couple of breakthrough performances from the likes of forward Nicholas Addlery and defender Devon McTavish, both of whom should start Wednesday night.

"We always work hard to make sure we've got a staff that works with everybody to make sure that when their chance comes, they're ready to go," coach Tom Soehn said of his bench. "We have a deep team."

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**RECIPE FOR DISASTER:** Awash in food safety problems, China says athletes, coaches, officials and others at the 2008 Beijing Summer Games can be assured of secure meals. Organizers are also taking measures to ensure food is free of substances that could trigger a positive result in tests for banned drugs.



## Sports



Fabian Cancellara throws his hands in the air after winning the third stage in the Tour de France. Cancellara, who leads the race, said the feeling was indescribable.

# The Yellow Jersey Wins Long Stage

## Race leader sprints to the finish to win 2nd stage of the Tour

**CYCLING** | Switzerland's Fabian Cancellara extended his overall lead in the Tour de France, winning the third and longest stage in a sprint finish Tuesday as cycling's showpiece event entered its home country.

The Swiss rider, who also won Saturday's prologue, finished the 147-mile ride from Waregem, Belgium, to Compiègne, northeast of Paris, in 6 hours, 36 minutes, 15 seconds.

"I have no words after winning something like that," said Cancellara, who overtook four riders in the final stretch.

Erik Zabel of Germany was second and Danilo Napolitano of Italy was third.

Cancellara, who has held the yellow jersey for all four days, extended his overall lead by 10 seconds by gaining bonus points for the victory. He leads Andreas Kloeber of Germany by 33 seconds. David Millar of Britain is third, 41 seconds behind.

All 187 riders who began the stage finished, carefully negotiating sharp turns and cobblestone patches near the end.

"It was a really long day, but because of the wind we couldn't go faster," said Cancellara, who was caught in a group crash Monday and slightly injured his left hand. "We are not machines."

On Saturday, the race heads into the Alps for three days, and the climbers are expected to begin moving closer to the overall lead. Other pivotal stages in the three-week race are time trials in the 13th stage and the next-to-last stage before the July 29 finish on the Champs-Élysées in Paris. JAMEY KEATEN (AP)

that point, as the peloton moves from Villers-Cotterets to Joigny.

**BOXING (11 P.M. ON ESPN2)** With nothing else to watch the day after the baseball All-Star Game, turn to the bout between junior middleweights Joel Julio (31-1-0) and Cornelius Bundrage (26-2-0).

### TODAY'S TV LINEUP

**MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL (7:30 P.M. ON ESPN2)** What's more exciting than any old minor league game? A meaningless minor league All-Star Game, perhaps.

**CYCLING (8:30 A.M. ON VERSUS)** At some point, all the flat stages of the Tour de France begin to run together. This is

# Amputee Chases Olympic Dreams

## Oscar Pistorius gets a shot at some top-level racers this weekend

**RUNNING** | Oscar Pistorius believes he has the talent to compete against the best runners in the world.

Pistorius, a double-amputee who races on carbon fiber blades attached below his knees, will get his chance this weekend when he runs in a world-class able-bodied race for the first time.

The 20-year-old South African will run the 400 meters at the Norwich Union Grand Prix on Sunday in a field that includes Olympic champion Jeremy Wariner.

Also entered are former Olympic relay gold medalist Darold Williamson of the United States, Commonwealth Games 400-meter champion John Steffensen of Australia and



Oscar Pistorius runs during practice at Brunel University in London on Tuesday.

former 400-meter Olympic hurdles champion Angelo Taylor.

"I've been chucked in the deep

end with the best guys in the world," Pistorius said Tuesday.

Pistorius was born without fibulas — the long, thin outer bone between the knee and ankle — and was 11 months old when his legs were amputated below the knee.

He began running four years ago to treat a rugby injury, and nine months later won the 200 meters at the Paralympic Games. He has set world records in the 100, 200 and 400 meters in Paralympic events, but now wants a new challenge.

He was given permission to race in able-bodied races by the International Association of Athletics Federations but still faces a barrier to take the step up to the Olympic level amid claims the curved blades he runs on create an unfair advantage.

"My goal is just to make the qualification standard for the Olympics," Pistorius said. KRYSZYNA RUDZKI (AP)



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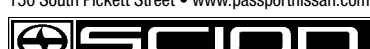
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## Travel

# Kermit's Connection

## A small Mississippi city celebrates Jim Henson's creations

Road signs of a flipper-waving Kermit the Frog attract thousands of visitors annually through the flatlands of the Mississippi Delta to the hometown of the famous amphibian and his equally renowned creator, Jim Henson.

The city of Leland (population 5,500) was where Henson lived from 1936 to 1948. His childhood home was torn down years before he became famous. But a permanent exhibit about Kermit called "Birthplace of the Frog: An Exhibit of Jim Henson's Delta Boyhood" was created here after Henson's death in 1990. The exhibit was a gift to Leland from the Jim Henson Co.

Kermit, the original Muppet, sprang from Henson's childhood and memories of playing along nearby Deer Creek with childhood friend Theodore Kermit Scott, who is believed to be the inspiration for the frog's name.

"My wife says my smile looks just like the frog," said Scott, 70, a retired philosophy professor who lives in Monroe, Va.

Scott said as children he and Henson used to play at Deer Creek and catch frogs.

The Kermit exhibit, in a three-room building along the banks of Deer Creek, features childhood photos of Henson and an actual Kermit puppet, with his banjo, sitting in a swamp-like setting.

"Everyone seems to know the



**MUPPET BABY:** Kermit the Frog sprang from Jim Henson's childhood, when he would catch frogs at Deer Creek in Mississippi with his friend Theodore Kermit Scott.

work of Jim Henson, and it just appeals to them," said Ashley Zepponi, the exhibit's director. "Most people are charmed by it."

Visitors from Germany, France, Italy and other parts of the world are routinely among the 10,000 people who find their way here each year, Zepponi said.

Leland lies about eight miles

east of the Mississippi River and Greenville, where Henson was born, and it's only a short mile and a half from U.S. 61, Mississippi's "Blues Highway."

The main room features the "Swamp Kermit" scene from the original "Muppet Movie," a gift from the Jim Henson Foundation, enclosed in a glass case, and

a viewing area showcasing episodes of "The Muppet Show" and other Henson works.

Recent additions to the exhibit are several puppets from Henson's "The Song of the Cloud Forest," a segment from one of his TV shows, about the importance of preserving South American rain forests and habitats. The brightly colored frogs and alligators are on loan from the Jim Henson Foundation.

Visitors can pause for a quick

**“My wife says my smile looks just like the frog.”**

THEODORE KERMIT SCOTT

photo op with an oversized stuffed Kermit, propped in front of a rainbow scene, and then wander into a Muppet memorabilia room, featuring hundreds of donated items.

Items on display include McDonald's Happy Meal toys, plush Kermit and Miss Piggy dolls, and vintage Muppet lunch boxes. There is also a special case devoted to "Muppet Babies" and "Sesame Street."

"It's interesting to know that I am right in the area of the show I grew up watching," said Mashondia Redmon, 34, on a recent visit.

"It shows them that people from Greenville can come and do great things," added teacher Angela Champion. KATHY HANRAHAN (AP)

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But we can say a priori that commemorative pace cars are the dorkiest vehicles ever made.

Of all the accomplishments of the Mercedes-Benz CLK 63 AMG Black Series — if you consider felony murder of tires an accomplishment — the greatest is this: It is the world's first and only cool pace car for the street. Though, technically, it's a "safety car": Except for the lettering and flashing lights, this car is virtually identical to the Mercedes-supplied vehicles used in Formula One to pace the field during full-course cautions. So, naturally, this car has Rennsport out the wazoo.

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DAN NEIL (THE LOS ANGELES TIMES)

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## Entertainment



**SUMMER OF HARRY:** "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" hits theaters Wednesday, followed by the last book on July 21.

# Unfailing Order

**'Harry Potter' No. 5 is reminiscent of the others, but still works**

**FILM** | Harry Potter seems to be living the same school year over and over. And it's starting to wear thin.

The fifth adventure for the teen wizard, "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix," is another visual

marvel, yet it suffers from a problem similar to other sequels this summer: We've seen it all before.

Or at least, we've seen most of it. Sure, there are new characters introduced, new perils, new responsibilities for Harry and his pals and new revelations about the kid's early life and connection to the dark Lord Voldemort.

And Harry even has his first kiss.

Those fresh details aside, though, and despite a new director and screenwriter, "Order of the Phoenix" sticks safely and at times monotonously to the "Potter" formula: Show a bit of Harry's drab summer among his heartless Muggle relations, branch off into a magical interlude, then land him back at Hogwarts School of Wizardry and Witchcraft, where the same old issues resurface — classmate

rivalry, teacher trouble and a slow build toward another showdown with Voldemort.

Granted, this is the formula of J.K. Rowling's books, and with fans counting the days until the arrival of the seventh and final novel July 21, the recipe has served the series well.

A good deal of the charm of the earlier movies results from the baubles the filmmakers have kept in from the books: odd little interactions with Hogwarts' resident ghosts and living portraits, some sports action on the quidditch field, quirky classroom happenings — stuff that doesn't really have much to do with the main story.

In casting aside most of those trappings, director David Yates and screenwriter Michael Goldenberg deliver the shortest "Potter" movie yet, though "Order of the Phoenix" is the longest novel at 800-plus pages.

The movie gains in momentum but loses a lot of the fun and wonder of previous installments. Granted, the stories grow gloomier as Harry's ultimate challenge approaches in book seven, but he's faced doom and death before and still managed to have a good time.

Much of the movie is a setup for things to come and an explanation of things that came before — personal histories, disclosures and prophecies, hints of an unholy bond between Harry and Voldemort.

Familiarity is not quite breeding contempt for Harry and his friends and enemies. But it's starting to breed indifference.

DAVID GERMAIN (AP)

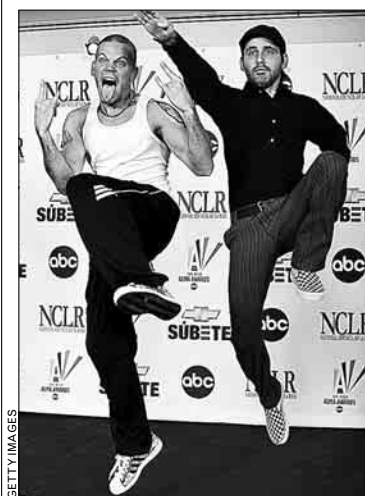


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# A Version All Ronson's Own

**Mark Ronson's work is everywhere, but now he takes credit**

**MUSIC** | Behind every great artist is ... a great manager? A publicist? Ultimately, a great producer.

In the case of breakout R&B spitfire Amy Winehouse, that knob-twister is London-born, New York-based super-DJ Mark Ronson.

With "Version," Ronson enlists the help of Winehouse, her reggae-

pop equivalent Lily Allen (whose own hit album Ronson worked on) and a crew of other British musicians to cover mostly obscure and well-known British tunes.

The album is soulfully stylish and gloriously retro.

"Valerie," an already great jangly tune by Liverpool band the Zutons, becomes Motown-riffic with Winehouse's raspy vocals and a burst of up-tempo drums and horns. Allen's melodic take on the Kaiser Chiefs' "Oh My God" lends the reflective tune a



The man behind multiple blossoming musical careers focuses on his own.

dance-happy flavor.

Ronson slyly throws Britney Spears' club anthem "Toxic" on its head, folding the song into a mid-tempo '60s swing and sprinkling it with horns, yearning vocals by Tigers and rap interludes.

Beside every great producer, though, are great musicians, and the true music hero on "Version" is New York funk-soul troupe the Dap-Kings, whose backing instruments are truly out of sight.

SOLVEJ SCHOU (AP)



# Entertainment



**WATCH IT 300 TIMES:** TNT has snagged the rights to the film "300." Part of the deal stipulates the network cannot run the movie until 2009. It'll be hard to wait that long for the commercial-filled version that will surely have all the good parts edited out.

# Extra Laughs, Extra Loud

## Celebrities interact with Ricky Gervais — hilarity ensues

DVD | Ricky Gervais is unquestionably the star of "Extras," a BBC/HBO series about a conflicted and socially inept sitcom actor. But in the second season of the show, released on DVD on Tuesday (\$29.98), the high-profile celebrities who cameo in each of the six episodes nearly steal the focus from the co-creator of the original "Office" and Britain's official God of Comedy.

While notables like Kate Winslet and Patrick Stewart appeared in the first season of "Extras," the second

season ups the ante and the humor quotient with yet another flotilla of famous personalities eager to ruin their reputations with a few wickedly funny moments. Hence we see Orlando Bloom, busting on Johnny Depp and boasting about the many magazines that list him as sexiest male star; Chris Martin of Coldplay recording a public service announcement while wearing a T-shirt that touts a Coldplay greatest hits compilation; and Harry Potter himself, young Daniel Radcliffe, hitting on older women and even (gasp!) flinging a condom at Dame Diana Rigg.

Celebrity gawkers will get a kick out of every cheeky, Hollywood-bubble-bursting moment,



**ORLANDO BLOOM'S SENSE OF HUMOR:** Exists. As proven by his guest appearance (just one of many famous faces) on the HBO/BBC series "Extras."

while fans of Gervais and Stephen Merchant (the other man responsible for "The Office") will revel

in another dose of the duo's intentionally awkward humor.

With only six installments con-

stituting a single season, this DVD is a pretty slim collection, which might make it more appropriate for renting than buying. Having said that, the two discs come with several bonus features, including making-of featurettes about each episode, outtakes and the especially hilarious mini-doc "The Art of Corpsing," a look at how frequently the actors break down with the giggles in the middle of a take. ("Never have I laughed out of place ever," confesses guest star Ian McKellen, "until today.") Gervais — with his high-pitched, infectious guffaw — is by far the worst offender. His "Extras" character, Andy Millman, gains fast fame because of a lame catchphrase he repeatedly utters on a BBC sitcom called "When the Whistle Blows": "Are you havin' a laugh?" Clearly, Gervais was through-out production of "Extras." And, undoubtedly, anyone who watches this DVD will, too.

JEN CHANEY (WASHINGTONPOST.COM)



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**RATATOUILLE (G)** 12:00, 2:40, 5:40, 8:40

**Ice Age: The Meltdown (PG)**  
**FREE Summer MovieCamp** 10:00 AM

**HARRY POTTER AND THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX (PG13)** 12:15, 1:00, 1:30, 2:10, 2:50, 3:30, 4:15, 5:00, 5:30, 6:10, 6:45, 7:30, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:45  
**LICENSE TO WED (PG13)** 12:10, 1:20, 2:25, 3:45, 4:55, 6:00, 7:20, 8:25, 9:50

**TRANSFORMERS (PG13)** 2:30, 5:50, 9:15

**TRANSFORMERS (PG13)** 12:40, 1:15, 3:10, 4:00, 4:40, 6:30, 7:50, 8:45, 10:20

**TRANSFORMERS (PG13)** 2:30, 5:50, 9:15

**RATATOUILLE (G)** 12:50, 1:40, 3:40, 4:50, 6:20, 7:40, 9:20, 10:30

**LIVE FREE OR DIE HARD (PG13)** 12:30, 2:20, 3:50, 5:20, 5:45, 7:00, 8:25, 10:10

**1408 (PG13)** 12:05, 2:35, 5:15, 8:00, 10:40

**EVAN ALMIGHTY (PG)** 12:20, 2:45, 5:10, 7:45, 10:15

**FANTASTIC FOUR: RISE OF THE SILVER SURFER (PG)** 12:35, 3:00, 5:35, 7:55, 10:20

**KNOCKED UP (R)** 1:10, 4:30, 7:35, 10:35

**AMC SELECT**

**EVENING (PG13)** 12:25, 3:05

**SICKO (PG13)** 1:50, 4:45, 7:35, 10:25

#### LOEWS RIO CINEMAS 18

9811 Washingtonian Boulevard  
301-948-0906

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**RATATOUILLE (G)** 1:00, 3:50, 6:50, 9:40

**HARRY POTTER AND THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX (PG13)** 11:15, 11:45, 12:15, 12:45, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 5:45, 6:15, 6:45, 7:15, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:40

**LICENSE TO WED (PG13)** 2:05, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45

**TRANSFORMERS (PG13)** 11:40, 12:30, 1:20, 2:55, 3:40, 4:40, 6:10, 7:00, 8:00, 9:20, 10:20

**RATATOUILLE (G)** 11:20, 2:00, 4:55, 7:40, 10:20

**LIVE FREE OR DIE HARD (PG13)** 11:50, 2:40, 5:40, 7:40, 8:35, 10:35

**LIVE FREE OR DIE HARD (PG13)** 11:50, 2:40, 5:40, 8:35, 10:35

**1408 (PG13)** 2:30, 4:55, 7:20, 10:05

**EVAN ALMIGHTY (PG)** 11:35, 2:00, 4:25, 6:55, 9:30

**FANTASTIC FOUR: RISE OF THE SILVER SURFER (PG)** 11:30, 5:00, 10:30

**OCEAN'S THIRTEEN (PG13)** 1:55, 7:30

**SURF'S UP (PG)** 12:50, 3:05, 5:20

**KNOCKED UP (R)** 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30

**AMC SELECT**

**EVENING (PG13)** 1:30, 4:10, 6:55, 9:50

**SICKO (PG13)** 1:25, 4:25, 7:25, 10:15

#### LOEWS GEORGETOWN 14

3111 K Street, N.W.  
202-342-6441

##### PRESENTED IN DIGITAL PROJECTION

**RATATOUILLE (G)** 2:35, 5:25, 8:15

**HARRY POTTER AND THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX (PG13)** 12:15, 1:00, 3:30, 4:15, 6:45, 7:30, 10:00, 10:45

**LICENSE TO WED (PG13)** 12:50, 3:10, 5:30, 7:50, 10:15

**TRANSFORMERS (PG13)** 12:30, 1:30, 3:40, 4:40, 7:00, 8:00, 10:20

**RATATOUILLE (G)** 1:35, 4:25, 7:15, 10:05

**RATATOUILLE (G)** 1:35, 4:25, 7:15, 10:05

**LIVE FREE OR DIE HARD (PG13)** 4:20, 7:20, 10:25

**1408 (PG13)** 12:20, 2:50, 5:20, 8:05, 10:30

**OCEAN'S THIRTEEN (PG13)** 1:05, 4:05, 6:55, 9:55

**KNOCKED UP (R)** 1:25, 4:35, 7:35, 10:35

**AMC SELECT**

**EVENING (PG13)** 1:40, 4:30, 7:25, 10:10

**SICKO (PG13)** 12:40, 1:50, 3:35, 4:45, 7:45, 9:30, 10:40

#### LOEWS SHIRLINGTON 7

2772 South Randolph  
703-671-0910 801

**AMC SELECT**

**YOU KILL ME (R)** 2:20, 4:50, 7:50, 10:00

**EVENING (PG13)** 1:30, 3:50, 7:10, 9:40

**SICKO (PG13)** 2:10, 4:10, 4:40, 7:20, 9:30, 9:50

**A MIGHTY HEART (R)** 1:20, 7:00

**GOLDEN DOOR (PG13)** 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40

**LA VIE EN ROSE (PG13)** 2:00, 5:00, 8:00

**WAITRESS (PG13)** 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:20

#### AMC POTOMAC MILLS 18

2700 Potomac Mills Circle, Ste 886  
703-998-4262

##### PRESENTED IN DIGITAL PROJECTION

**RATATOUILLE (G)** 1:15, 4:10, 7:00, 9:45

**Ice Age: The Meltdown (PG)**  
**FREE Summer MovieCamp** 10:00 AM

**HARRY POTTER AND THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX (PG13)** 9:50, 10:35, 11:20, 12:15, 1:00, 1:45, 2:30, 3:30, 4:15, 5:00, 5:45, 6:45, 7:30, 8:15, 9:00, 10:00, 10:45

**HARRY POTTER AND THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX (PG13)** 3:30, 10:00

**LICENSE TO WED (PG13)** 12:50, 3:10, 5:30, 7:50, 10:10

**TRANSFORMERS (PG13)** 12:30, 1:20, 2:50, 3:40, 4:40, 6:10, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:20

**RATATOUILLE (G)** 2:00, 4:55, 7:40, 10:20

**LIVE FREE OR DIE HARD (PG13)** 12:25, 1:10, 3:30, 4:20, 6:30, 7:30, 9:40, 10:25

**1408 (PG13)** 12:00, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 10:05

**EVAN ALMIGHTY (PG)** 12:45, 3:15, 5:40, 8:10, 10:35

**FANTASTIC FOUR: RISE OF THE SILVER SURFER (PG)** 1:50, 4:25, 6:55, 9:25

**OCEAN'S THIRTEEN (PG13)** 2:15, 5:05, 7:55, 10:40

**KNOCKED UP (R)** 7:35, 10:30

**AMC SELECT**

**EVENING (PG13)** 1:40, 4:30

**SICKO (PG13)** 1:35, 4:35, 7:35, 10:25

#### AMC COLUMBIA MALL 14

10300 Patuxent Parkway  
410-423-0520

##### PRESENTED IN DIGITAL PROJECTION

**RATATOUILLE (G)** 11:25, 2:25, 5:15, 8:05, 10:55

**Ice Age: The Meltdown (PG)**  
**FREE Summer MovieCamp** 10:00 AM

**HARRY POTTER AND THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX (PG13)** 10:00, 11:05, 12:10, 1:15, 2:20, 3:25, 4:30, 5:35, 6:40, 7:45, 8:50, 9:55, 11:00

**LICENSE TO WED (PG13)** 1:25, 3:50, 6:20, 8:45, 11:05

**TRANSFORMERS (PG13)** 11:40, 12:40, 2:55, 4:05, 6:10, 7:20, 9:30, 10:35

**RATATOUILLE (G)** 12:50, 3:40, 6:30, 9:20

**LIVE FREE OR DIE HARD (PG13)** 10:40, 1:40, 2:50, 4:40, 5:55, 7:35, 9:00, 10:30

**1408 (PG13)** 12:30, 3:00, 5:25, 7:55, 10:20

**EVAN ALMIGHTY (PG)** 10:50, 1:20, 3:45, 9:45

**FANTASTIC FOUR: RISE OF THE SILVER SURFER (PG)** 4:50

**OCEAN'S THIRTEEN (PG13)** 1:05, 7:00

**KNOCKED UP (R)** 7:10, 10:05

**AMC SELECT**

**SICKO (PG13)** 12:15, 3:10, 6:05, 9:05

#### AMC SPRINGFIELD MALL 10

Loisdale and Franconia Road  
703-971-3991

**HARRY POTTER AND THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX (PG13)** 12:20, 1:10, 3:30, 4:15, 6:45, 7:30, 10:00, 10:45

**LICENSE TO WED (PG13)** 2:35, 5:20, 7:50

**TRANSFORMERS (PG13)** 12:30, 1:20, 3:40, 4:40, 7:00, 8:00, 10:20

**RATATOUILLE (G)** 2:00, 4:45, 7:20

**LIVE FREE OR DIE HARD (PG13)** 2:15, 5:10, 8:00

**1408 (PG13)** 2:25, 5:00, 7:30

**EVAN ALMIGHTY (PG)** 2:45, 5:15, 7:45

**FANTASTIC FOUR: RISE OF THE SILVER SURFER (PG)** 5:10, 7:25

**SHREK THE THIRD (PG)** 2:30

#### MAGIC JOHNSON CAPITAL CENTRE 12

800 Shopper's Way, Largo  
301-324-4220

**Ice Age: The Meltdown (PG)**  
**FREE Summer MovieCamp** 10:00 AM

**HARRY POTTER AND THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX (PG13)** 12:20, 3:30, 6:45, 10:00

**LICENSE TO WED (PG13)** 1:00, 3:15, 5:40, 8:10, 10:35

**TRANSFORMERS (PG13)** 12:00, 12:50, 3:10, 4:00, 6:30, 7:20, 9:55, 10:35

**RATATOUILLE (G)** 1:30, 4:25, 7:25, 10:20

**LIVE FREE OR DIE HARD (PG13)** 12:55, 3:55, 6:55, 10:05

**1408 (PG13)** 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 8:05, 10:30

**EVAN ALMIGHTY (PG)** 12:35, 3:05, 5:30, 8:00, 10:15

**FANTASTIC FOUR: RISE OF THE SILVER SURFER (PG)** 12:25, 1:50, 2:50, 4:20, 5:20, 6:50, 7:50, 9:20, 10:30

**OCEAN'S THIRTEEN (PG13)** 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:25

**PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: AT WORLD'S END (PG13)** 6:40, 10:10

**SHREK THE THIRD (PG)** 1:45, 4:10

#### LOEWS UPTOWN 1

3426 Connecticut Avenue N.W.  
1-800-FANDANGO #713

**HARRY POTTER AND THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX (PG13)** 12:00, 3:10, 6:30, 10:00

#### AMC TYSONS CORNER 16

7850 Tysons Corner Center  
703-998-4262

##### PRESENTED IN DIGITAL PROJECTION

**RATATOUILLE (G)** 10:15, 1:10, 4:00, 6:45, 9:25

**Ice Age: The Meltdown (PG)**  
**FREE Summer MovieCamp** 10:00 AM

**HARRY POTTER AND THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX (PG13)** 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 1:15, 2:25, 3:30, 4:40, 5:45, 7:00, 8:05, 9:10, 10:30, 11:30

**LICENSE TO WED (PG13)** 10:10, 12:25, 2:45, 5:15, 7:35, 10:00

**TRANSFORMERS (PG13)** 10:20, 12:05, 1:45, 3:20, 5:05, 7:05, 8:25, 10:20, 11:35

**RATATOUILLE (G)** 11:35, 2:15, 5:10, 8:00, 10:45

**LIVE FREE OR DIE HARD (PG13)** 10:05, 11:15, 1:05, 2:20, 4:05, 5:35, 7:10, 8:35, 10:10, 11:25

**1408 (PG13)** 2:00, 4:25, 7:20, 9:50

**EVAN ALMIGHTY (PG)** 10:10, 12:45, 3:10, 5:40, 8:10, 10:40

**EVAN ALMIGHTY (PG)** 10:10, 12:45, 3:10, 5:40, 8:10, 10:40

**FANTASTIC FOUR: RISE OF THE SILVER SURFER (PG)** 3:00

**OCEAN'S THIRTEEN (PG13)** 10:25, 1:20, 4:20, 10:15

**KNOCKED UP (R)** 10:45, 1:50, 4:45, 7:50, 10:50

**AMC SELECT**

**EVENING (PG13)** 12:10 PM

**SICKO (PG13)** 10:35, 1:40, 4:35, 7:30, 10:25

#### AMC MAZZA GALLERIE

Jenifer and Wisconsin  
202-537-9553

**LICENSE TO WED (PG13)** 12:40, 2:50, 5:10, 7:40, 9:50

**TRANSFORMERS (PG13)** 12:50, 4:00, 7:20, 10:30

**RATATOUILLE (G)** 1:20, 4:20, 7:05, 9:40

**LIVE FREE OR DIE HARD (PG13)** 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:05

**EVAN ALMIGHTY (PG)** 12:20, 2:40, 5:00, 7:25, 9:35

**OCEAN'S THIRTEEN (PG13)** 1:00, 4:05, 7:00, 10:00

**KNOCKED UP (R)** 7:30, 10:20

**PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: AT WORLD'S END (PG13)** 12:30, 4:00

#### AMC COURTHOUSE PLAZA 8

Courthouse and Birch Rd.  
703-998-4AMC

**LICENSE TO WED (PG13)** 12:10, 1:10, 2:30, 3:30, 4:45, 5:45, 7:10, 8:20, 9:30, 10:30

**RATATOUILLE (G)** 12:00, 2:40, 5:30, 8:10, 10:45

**LIVE FREE OR DIE HARD (PG13)** 1:15, 2:15, 4:00, 5:10, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 10:40

**1408 (PG13)** 12:50, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, 10:10

**OCEAN'S THIRTEEN (PG13)** 1:30, 4:40, 7:30, 10:15

**KNOCKED UP (R)** 1:00, 3:50, 6:50, 9:40



# Television



**GREATEST DAY IN HISTORY OF VERMONT:** Springfield, Vt., has been declared the winner of "The Simpsons Movie Springfield Challenge," even though it wasn't initially invited to participate. As a reward, it will host the film premiere on July 27.

## Real Guitar Hero

**Les Paul hit his peak in the '50s, but his influence is lasting**

**LEGEND |** The "American Masters" (9 p.m., PBS) documentary "Les Paul: Chasing Sound" profiles a remarkable musician and inventor and, along the way, provides a history of 20th-century American popular music.

Still performing at 92 years of age, Les Paul has outlived his musical contemporaries and collaborators by a generation or two. His jazz-guitar sound dominated the pop charts from the late 1930s to the mid-1950s as he recorded hit records with the



**STILL PICKIN':** Even with 92 years under his belt, Les Paul keeps playing.

Andrews Sisters, Bing Crosby and his wife and musical partner, Mary Ford.

He was just a teen when he performed with cowboy-music bands in Wisconsin and Chicago. After his country gigs, he would spend his off-hours in the South Side jazz clubs, where he sat in with jazz greats like Art Tatum and Lester Young.

Paul is one of those rare artists fortunate enough to have gone in and out of style several times in his own lifetime. After 16 top-10 hits from 1950 to 1954, his career was eclipsed by the rise of rock and roll. Still, musicians including B.B. King, Tony Bennett, Richard Carpenter, Keith Richards, Jeff Beck and Paul McCartney appear here to sing Les Paul's praises. **KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)**

### ON TV TONIGHT

**NEW YORK'S OTHER TEAM**  
The documentary **BROOKLYN DODGERS** (8 p.m., HBO) recalls 10 momentous year in the history of the Dodgers franchise.

**OH, THE SUSPENSE!**  
The remaining 14 perform on **SO YOU THINK YOU CAN DANCE** (8 p.m., Fox).

**WHAT A HARD, STRANGE SPORT IT IS**  
**SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING: THE PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE** (8 p.m., PBS) follows two teams of would-be Olympians as they practice and prepare for a meticulously coordinated feat of water ballet.

**PRESENTING THE HELPFUL MAN**  
A relief for women proposed on **AMERICAN INVENTOR** (9 p.m., ABC).

**'THE SINGING BEE' SPIN-OFF**  
Wayne Brady hosts **DON'T FORGET THE LYRICS** (9:30 p.m., Fox), the second karaoke



**YOU WISH YOU'D THOUGHT OF THAT:**  
Tune in to "American Inventor" tonight.

contest to pop up in the past two days.

**ONE POTATO, TWO POTATO, ETC.**  
Cooking by numbers on **TOP CHEF** (10 p.m., Bravo).

**KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)**

7.11.07	6:00 PM	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
<b>LOCAL CHANNELS</b>	<b>WRC</b> [4] News (N) [88]		NBC Nightly News	Access Hollywood	Outrageous	The Singing Bee	America's Got Talent (N) [88]		Last Comic Standing (N) [88]		News (N) [88]	Tonight Show
	<b>WTTG</b> [5] Seinfeld [88]	The Simpsons [88]	The Simpsons [88]	Seinfeld [88]	So You Think You Can Dance	The 14 dancers perform.	Don't Forget		News (N)		News (N)	Every-Raymond
	<b>WJLA</b> [7] News (N) [88]	ABC Wild News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Next Best Thing		American Inventor (N) [88]	Traveler "The Reunion" (N) [88]	News (N) [88]		News (N) [88]	(35) Nightline (N)
	<b>WUSA</b> [9] News (N) [88]	Evening News	News	Entertainment	King of Queens	King of Queens	Criminal Minds "P911" [88]	CSI: NY "Heart of Glass" [88]	News (N) [88]		News (N) [88]	Late Show
	<b>WETA</b> [26] Judge Judy [88]	Judge Joe Brown	Scrubs [88]	Scrubs [88]	American Heiress "Episode 21" (N)		Saints & Sinners "Episode 21" (N) [88]	Still Standing [88]	Still Standing [88]		Malcolm-Mid.	Malcolm-Mid.
	<b>WMPT</b> [22] The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Business Rpt.	Artworks-Week	Synchronized Swimming: The Pursuit			American Masters "Les Paul: Chasing Sound" (N) [88]	Soundies: A Musical History Hosted by Michael Feinstein				
	<b>WETA</b> [26] BBC World News	Business Rpt.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Synchronized Swimming: The Pursuit			A Hot Dog Program [88]	American Masters "Les Paul: Chasing Sound" (N) [88]				
	<b>WHUT</b> [32] Business Schl	Tavis Smiley [88]	BBC World News	Moneywise	Craft in America "Memory" [88]		Boogie & the Blues Diva: 2004 Motor	BBC World News	Tavis Smiley [88]	Charlie Rose (N) [88]	Charlie Rose (N)	
	<b>WDCW</b> [50] My Wife and Kids	My Wife and Kids	Friends [88]	Friends [88]	America's Next Top Model [88]		America's Next Top Model [88]	Will & Grace [88]	Will & Grace [88]	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	
<b>BASE CABLE</b>	<b>A&amp;E</b>	Cold Case Files [88]	CSI: Miami "Dead Woman Walking"	CSI: Miami [88]			CSI: Miami "Simple Man" [88]	The Sopranos "Everybody Hurts" [88]				(15) The First 48
	<b>Animal</b>	The Crocodile Hunter Diaries [88]	The Most Extreme	Foiled by Nature	Planet Earth "Rarely seen desert life."		Planet Earth "Ice Worlds" [88]	Animal Planet Heroes Phoenix (N)	The Most Extreme	Foiled by Nature		
	<b>BET</b>	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live [88]	Hell Date [88]		Access Granted	Baldwin Hills	Baldwin Hills	Girlfriends [88]	Girlfriends [88]	Take the Cake (Live) [88]		
	<b>Bravo</b>	Top Chef "Finale" A winner is chosen.	Top Chef Contestants prepare. [88]		Top Chef Fruit. [88]		Top Chef Shellfish. [88]	Top Chef "Cooking by the Numbers"	Top Chef "Cooking by the Numbers"			
	<b>Comedy</b>	"Planes, Trains and Automobiles"	Scrubs [88]	Scrubs [88]	Reno 911! [88]	Reno 911! [88]	Chappelle's Show	South Park [88]	South Park [88]	Lil' Bush [88]	Daily Show	Colbert Report
	<b>Court</b>	World's Wildest Police Videos [88]	Cops [88]	Cops [88]	Most Shocking "Dangerous Drivers 3"		Forensic Files (N)	LA Forensics (N)	Haunting Evid.	Psychic Detect	Psychic Detect	Psychic Detect
	<b>Discovery</b>	Cash Cab [88]	Cash Cab	How It's Made	MythBusters "Exploding Pants" [88]		MythBusters "Deadly Straw" [88]	Cash Cab (N)	Cash Cab (N)	MythBusters [88]		
	<b>DISCH</b>	Code Blue "One Day at a Time"	Impact: Stories of Survival [88]		Trauma: Life in the ER [88]		Plastic Surgery: Before and After	Plastic Surgery Beverly Hills	Trauma: Life in the ER [88]			
	<b>Disney</b>	Hannah Montana	Hannah Montana	Hannah Montana	Zack & Cody		* "Model Behavior" (2000) Maggie Lawson, Justin Timberlake. [88]	That's So Raven	Life With Derek	Zack & Cody	Hannah Montana	
	<b>E!</b>	Simple Life	Simple Life	E! News (N)	The Daily 10 (N)		Angelina Jolie: True Hollywood Story	Girl Next Door	Girl Next Door	Sunset Tan	Sunset Tan	The Daily 10
	<b>FX</b>	(5:00) *** "Any Given Sunday" (1999, Drama) Al Pacino, Cameron Diaz.					** "Elektra" (2005, Action) Jennifer Garner, Terence Stamp. Premiere.	Rescue Me Jerry's decision. (N)		(05) Rescue Me Jerry's decision.		
	<b>HGTV</b>	Look What I Did!	Rezoned	If Walls Could	House Hunters		Designed to Sell	Buy Me [88]	Design on a Dime	Get Out Way Out	House Hunters	House Worth?
	<b>Family</b>	8 Simple Rules	8 Simple Rules	Grounded for Life	Grounded for Life		** "Bicentennial Man" (1999) Robin Williams. A robot begins a two-century journey toward humanity. [88]					The 700 Club [88]
	<b>History</b>	Modern Marvels: Sewers [88]	Marvel: Chrysler Building	Modern Marvels: Freight Trains [88]			Modern Marvels: Motorcycles	Motorcycles symbolize freedom to some. [88]				Hell's Angels [88]
	<b>Lifetime</b>	Reba [88]	Reba [88]	Still Standing [88]	Still Standing [88]		"The Stranger Game" (2006, Suspense) Mimi Rogers, David Orth. [88]				Will & Grace [88]	Will & Grace [88]
	<b>MTV</b>	America's Next Top Model [88]	The X Effect [88]	Engaged	Super Sweet 16	Super Sweet 16	Super Sweet	Real World Vegas	The X Effect [88]		Sweet 16 Cash Money Countdown [88]	
	<b>NICK</b>	Zoey 101 [88]	Ned's School	Drake & Josh [88]	Ned's School		Home Videos	Roseanne [88]	Roseanne [88]	Roseanne [88]	Roseanne [88]	Roseanne [88]
	<b>SCI FI</b>	Stargate SG-1 "Nemesis" [88]	Ghost Hunters [88]	Ghost Hunters [88]			Ghost Hunters The USS Lexington.	Destination Truth (N) [88]			Ghost Hunters The USS Lexington.	
	<b>SPIKE</b>	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation [88]	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation [88]				CSI: Crime Scene Investigation [88]	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation [88]			CSI: NY "Hush" [88]	
	<b>TBS</b>	Seinfeld [88]	Seinfeld [88]	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond		House of Payne	House of Payne	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	King of Queens	King of Queens
	<b>TLC</b>	Flip That House	Flip That House	Honey We're Killing the Kids (N)			The Boy Who Sees Through Sound	Man Whose Arms Exploded [88]	Mystery Diagnosis "Sleeping Beauty"		The Boy Who Sees Through Sound	
	<b>TNT</b>	Law & Order "Whiplash" [88]	Law & Order "Attorney Client" [88]				Law & Order "Paradigm" [88]	Law & Order "Red Ball" [88]	Law & Order "Locomotion" [88]		Heartland "Mother & Child Reunion"	
	<b>USA</b>	Law & Order: Criminal Intent [88]	Law & Order: Criminal Intent [88]				Law & Order: Criminal Intent [88]	Law & Order: Criminal Intent [88]			Law & Order: Criminal Intent [88]	
	<b>VH1</b>	I Love the '90s "1996" [88]					I Love the '90s "1998" [88]	World Series of Pop Culture (N) [88]	Young, Rich and Out of Control [88]		World Series of Pop Culture [88]	
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<b>SPORTS</b>	<b>ESPN</b>	SportsCenter (Live) [88]		MLB Baseball 2007 State Farm Home Run Derby. [88]			Softball: All-Star Celebrity Game	The Bronx Is Burning "The Straw"			SportsCenter (Live) [88]	
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<b>NEWS</b>	<b>CNN</b>	Lou Dobbs Tonight [88]		The Situation Room			Paula Zahn Now [88]	Larry King Live [88]			Anderson Cooper 360 [88]	
	<b>FNC</b>	Special Report (Live) [88]		The Fox Report With Shepard Smith			Hannity & Colmes (Live) [88]	On the Record-Van Susteren			The O'Reilly Factor	
	<b>MSNBC</b>	Tucker		Hardball [88]			Countdown With Keith Olbermann	Scarborough Country			The Confessions of a Serial Killer Jeffrey Dahmer.	
<b>MOVIES</b>	<b>AMC</b>	*** "Below" (2002, Suspense) Matthew Davis, Bruce Greenwood. 'R' [88]					*** "U.S. Marshals" (1998) Tommy Lee Jones, Sam Gerard gets caught up in another fugitive case. 'PG-13'				*** "Patriot Games" (1992) 'R'	
	<b>TCM</b>	(5:45) *** "The Loved One" (1965, Comedy) Robert Morse. 'NR' [88]					*** "Barefoot in the Park" (1967, Comedy) Robert Redford. 'G' [88]				*** "The Philadelphia Story" (1940) Cary Grant. 'NR' [88] (DVS)	
	<b>HBO</b>	*** "Fantastic Four" (2005, Action) Ioan Gruffudd. [88]					Brooklyn Dodgers: The Ghosts of Flatbush (N) [88]				Big Love "Vision Thing" [88]	John From Cincinnati [88]
	<b>MAX</b>	(15) *** "She's the Man" (2006) Amanda Bynes. [88]					*** "United 93" (2006, Drama) David Alan Basche. Premiere. [88]				*** "Miami Vice" (2006, Crime Drama) Collin Farrell, Jamie Foxx. [88]	
	<b>SHOW</b>	Duane Hopwood	Bud Greenspan Presents: Torino 2006 Olympics (iTV)				Meadowlands (iTV) [88]	*** "Hustle & Flow" (2005, Drama) Terrence Howard. (iTV) [88]			Boxing: Alcine vs. Simms	
	<b>TMC</b>	(5:35) *** "The Hitcher" (1986) 'R'		(15) *** "The Man in the Iron Mask" (1998, Adventure) Leonardo DiCaprio. [88]			*** "Crash" (2004, Drama) Sandra Bullock, Don Cheadle. [88]				Brothers	
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	<b>ENCORE</b>	(15) *** "Forget Paris" (1995, Comedy) Billy Crystal. 'PG-13' [88]					*** "Fun With Dick & Jane" (2005) Jim Carrey. 'PG-13'				(35) *** "Crimson Tide" (1995) Denzel Washington. [88]	The Sixth Man [88]



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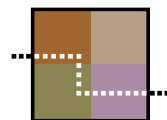


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## WWI Tribute

### A Belgian's unique soldiers are crafted from the shells of war

The summer plowing season in Flanders Fields is a good time for Ivan Sinnaeve.

Known as "Shrapnel Charlie," he keeps alive memories of one of history's bloodiest battles by melting down the World War I shells harvested by farmers and transforming them into toy soldiers that he calls "soldiers of peace."

"I can't make them quick enough," said Sinnaeve, as he showed off some of the 250 shiny lead bagpipers he produced for the anniversary.

The 54-year-old Belgian history buff has a huge following among war pilgrims visiting Flanders Fields, the battleground of 1914 to 1918.

Sinnaeve, a retired carpenter, is busier than usual this year, on the 90th anniversary of the phase of fighting called the Battle of Passchendaele, which saw some of the war's worst trench warfare and its first use of mustard gas.

A half-million Britons, Australians, New Zealanders, Canadians and Germans were killed or

wounded, fighting among villages and farms over five miles of muddy Belgian terrain. Drawn out over five months, Passchendaele became a symbol of senseless killing.

Piet Chielens, head of the In Flanders Fields Museum in Ypres, said the region is "like the laboratory of war."

"It was all-out war, for the first time in its most absurd form," he said. "There was no real reason for doing this, and there was no real strategy."

Sinnaeve said he always asks the

# Toying With History

farmers where they found the metal they bring to him, "so I know which regiments were involved." He thinks some of the iron may be from the shells fired at the regiments he is now commemorating as "soldiers of peace."

The proceeds of the sales are helping to pay for a new memorial for all the Scottish regiments in Britain and its empire that were mobilized for World War I.

The memorial is to be unveiled later this year, and on Thursday,

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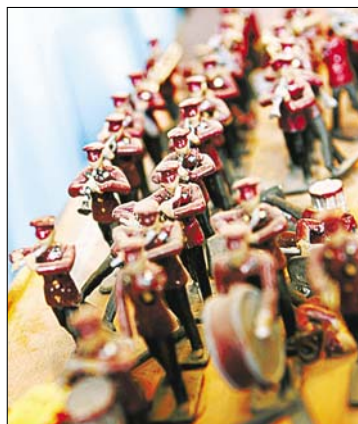
RETURN TO ACTION: Ivan Sinnaeve shows one of his handcrafted toy soldiers.

nades, and an unexploded basketball-size aerial bomb her husband Dirk plowed up.

Farmers have to use extra care because some shells still leak toxic gases. However, explosions are rare because the farmers have become experienced at handling the iron harvest.

"We got 17 pieces this plowing season, but we can expect even more later this year," said Cardoen-Desamps. The ammunition is neatly stacked around the farmyard, ready to be collected by bomb disposal experts.

"The nasty shells for us are the gas shells, of course, because we can't identify those anymore," she said. "The color code which gave



the official anniversary, Britain's Queen Elizabeth II will be among the dignitaries visiting war graves in Flanders Fields.

Few battlefields in the world still yield so many bombs, guns and bones — 200 tons a year around Ypres.

"You never know what my husband brings home; you can bet it's not a bunch of flowers," said farmer Charlotte Cardoen-Desamps, chuckling as she shows a fresh crop of shells, gas shells, gre-


away the content has rusted away, so if we shake it gently and we hear something slushing around — well, be careful."

In Sinnaeve's cramped townhouse, the living room, dining room and kitchen are littered with model soldiers, molds and tiny paint cans.

He has been making his models for 14 years and says he earns no profit and is happy just to know that "I have soldiers all over the world."

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## Travel

### Amtrak's luxury cars recall the glamour of the 1940s and '50s

Mahogany interiors, five-course meals and personal butler service will be available on several Amtrak routes starting this fall, as the national passenger railroad embarks on a new partnership with GrandLuxe Rail Journeys.

The companies have teamed up to attach seven special GrandLuxe cars to regularly scheduled Amtrak trains. More than 90 departures are scheduled from November to early January.

The new service, dubbed GrandLuxe Limited, will be available between Chicago and the San Francisco Bay area, Chicago and Los Angeles, and Washington and Miami. Limited trips are also scheduled between Washington and Chicago, from Denver to San Francisco, from Denver to Chicago; and from



Porters await passengers on the GrandLuxe Limited, now a partner with Amtrak.

Chicago to Albuquerque.

For Amtrak, the partnership will be a moneymaker, company spokesman Cliff Black said.

The project marks the first time Amtrak is providing regularly

scheduled private rail services.

"We like the opportunity to experiment with creative marketing approaches," Black said. "Anything that elevates the profile of passenger-train service is benefi-

**Anything that elevates the profile of passenger-train service is beneficial to Amtrak."**

CLIFF BLACK, AMTRAK

cial to Amtrak."

The arrangement allows Evergreen, Colo.-based GrandLuxe, formerly known as American Orient Express, to bring its brand of luxury to a wider group of potential customers in a more affordable format.

Tickets for the two- and three-day GrandLuxe Limited trips will range in price from \$789 to \$2,499. In contrast, GrandLuxe's regular tours take seven to 10 days and range in price from about \$4,000 to \$8,000 per person.

For its longer trips, GrandLuxe operates one 21-car train that consists of old passenger cars from the 1940s and 1950s — a time when train

travel had not yet been overshadowed by the interstate highway system and commercial aviation. The cars have been refurbished to conform to modern standards and to add "a level of luxury that never existed," said Christina Messa, vice president of marketing for GrandLuxe.

For the Amtrak partnership, GrandLuxe will split its train in three. Each segment will have a dining car and a lounge car and room for 47 passengers, Messa said.

GrandLuxe trains tend to appeal to older travelers, and Messa said she expected the new Amtrak routes to do the same.

Tom Weakley, 64, has ridden GrandLuxe trains 16 times since retiring from a job in the drug wholesaling industry. He said he relishes being pampered on board the train. A butler brings coffee in the morning. In the afternoon, there are cocktails in the lounge car.

The lounge cars themselves vary. One features a baby grand piano; another, used for particularly scenic routes, is surrounded by glass.

Dinners are long and unhurried — an opportunity to make friends with fellow passengers, said Weakley, of Indianapolis.

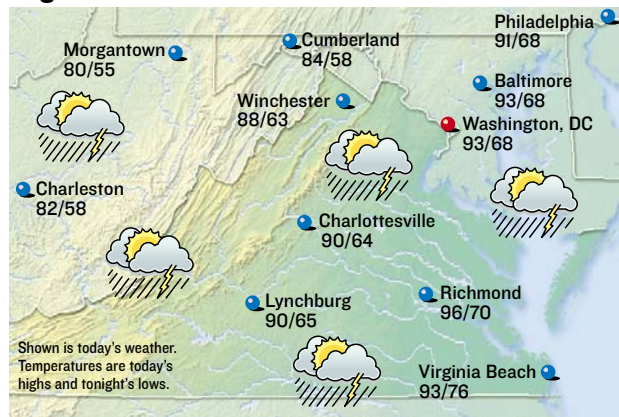
"Did I mention the complimentary wine?" he added. "And they don't limit you to one glass."

SARAH KARUSH (AP)

### 5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Partly sunny, a thunderstorm	Strong evening thunderstorms	Mostly sunny, less humid	Partly sunny	Mostly cloudy, a t-storm possible	Mostly sunny
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### Regional Weather



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### Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Tues.

#### Temperature

High	98°
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24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.73"
Month to date	0.87"
Normal month to date	1.15"
Year to date	16.04"
Last year to date	27.62"
Normal year to date	20.31"

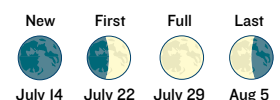
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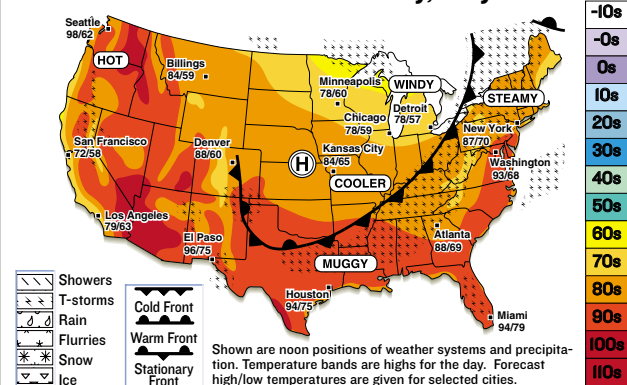
**D.C. Metro:** Today, partly sunny, an afternoon thunderstorm. High 93. Wind west-southwest 7-14 mph. Tonight, thunderstorms. Low 68.

### Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	5:52 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:35 p.m.
Moonrise today	2:32 a.m.
Moonset today	6:24 p.m.



### National Weather for Wednesday, July 11



### National Cities

City	Today Hi/Low/W	Thur. Hi/Low/W
Atlanta	88/69/t	90/70/pc
Boston	86/66/pc	80/64/t
Chicago	78/59/pc	80/61/t
Dallas	94/76/t	93/77/pc
Denver	88/60/t	89/59/t
Honolulu	89/77/s	89/76/s
Los Angeles	79/63/pc	82/64/pc
Miami	94/79/t	91/80/s
New York City	87/70/t	86/69/pc
Orlando	94/74/t	93/74/t
Seattle	98/62/s	86/60/s

### World Cities

City	Today Hi/Low/W	Thur. Hi/Low/W
Amsterdam	66/57/c	70/57/t
Athens	93/70/s	90/72/s
Berlin	61/45/sh	64/50/t
Buenos Aires	50/34/s	52/39/pc
Calgary	80/52/pc	79/55/pc
Dublin	66/55/pc	66/54/pc
Geneva	61/47/sh	72/55/c
Moscow	73/63/pc	88/62/pc
Rome	75/55/s	79/59/s
Sydney	59/47/pc	61/49/pc
Tokyo	79/72/t	78/72/r

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# Styles

# LOOKout

# The Swing of Things

**Even non-golfing guys can look ready to hit the links in style**

Not every man is a golfer, but makers of golf clothing are moving toward looks they hope will appeal to the everyman.

And they're using golf celebrities to announce to the world that one's golf wardrobe can include a rich variety of colors, styles and clothes that are comfortable enough to swing your club at 125 miles per hour like Bubba Watson does.

PGA Tour stars who double as labels aren't new: Greg Norman, Nick Price and Jack Nicklaus all have their names attached to polo shirts. But new clothing lines fronted by Watson and another that honors the name of the late Payne Stewart are trying to draw attention to those golfers' personal styles.

Watson is ranked third overall on the PGA Tour and No. 1 when it comes to driving distance, but it's his ability to connect to guys like him from Baghdad, Fla., that he's most known for.

That's why Steve & Barry's, the retail chain that boasts inexpensive items but big-name partners like Sarah Jessica Parker and Stephon Marbury, is launching the Bubba Golf collection this month.

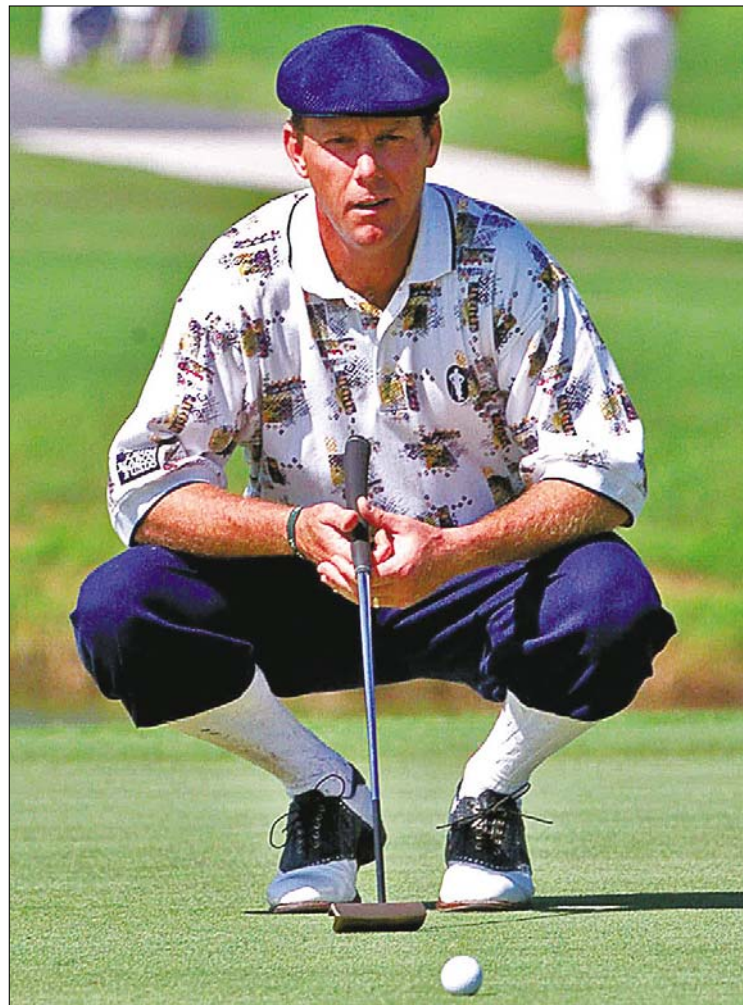
There will be 30 styles, all for \$14.98 or less, available at the Bubba debut, including three-button and zip-front shirts, a lightweight wind shirt and wrinkle-resistant pants.

Because Watson likes to

have room when he winds up that powerhouse swing, all the shirts have longer, looser sleeves.

"I like stuff that stands out a bit," Watson says. "This is what you'd see if you opened my closet: lime green, pink, yellows and baby blues."

Meanwhile, Garan, a division of Berkshire Hathaway, is using Stewart, who died in a plane crash in 1999, as its inspiration for a brand that hopes to make a splash with its rainbow of colors. Stewart's family has given its blessing to the



Payne Stewart, here in 1999, was golf's fashion icon.

Two shirts from the new Payne Stewart golf line are inspired by the late player's sense of style.



apparel line, said Larry Reiner, vice president of the initiative.

"The Payne Stewart name was always synonymous with color and fashion. It's still a popular name today," Reiner said. "He's the only fashion icon in the history of golf that we can identify."

At price points ranging from \$38 to \$65, the Payne Stewart Collection will be more expensive than Bubba Golf, but less than most of the pro shop brands.

Five years ago, women bought the bulk of men's apparel, according to Reiner, but that's not the case anymore, with men buying an equal amount, if not more, of their own clothes. Men aren't looking for the next hot fashion. Instead, they're more likely to react to color or presentation, he said. That's what the line aims to capitalize on.

"When you see the color story, patterns, different types of yarn, you'll see an array of things that when presented together it's almost entertainment," says Reiner.

SAMANTHA CRITCHELL (AP)

## Men's



### Drink It Up, Kids!

Two weeks ago, we reviewed **CAROLINA HERRERA 212 SPLASH** for Women, the perfume styled to look like a soda can. (The better to up the chance your kid will drink it.) The men's version (\$54, Sephora), which shares the poison-riffic packaging, is very pleasant: spicy and light, though it has a mild twinge of chemical lemon that's reminiscent of a urinal cake. We'd recommend it to your favorite high school boy. He'll like the bottle, while the ladies in his chemistry class will like that it's not Axe.

KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)

## Advertising



### Something Smells

NASCAR's Tony Stewart has hopped from the driver's seat to the pit crew — the armpit crew. In a marketing campaign that's tasteless even for a sport that involves staring at speeding billboards for hours on end, **OLD SPICE** has purchased space in the armpits of Stewart's racing suit to plug its new Old Spice NASCAR Collector Series. The right pit features the brand name, while the left declares "In Stores Now!" To get extra mileage from the gimmick, a series of TV ads are set to show Stewart in various settings — weight lifting, being interviewed — to highlight his overpriced underarms.

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### MUSEUMS

#### Star Map

Wednesday's Smithsonian Residents program "Time, Place and Space" focuses on the origins of humans looking skyward for guidance in time-keeping and geography. Dr. David DeVorkin talked to Express contributor Katherine Silkaitis about the ways of the ancient civilizations. | [ONLINE NOW](#)



### MUSIC

#### Sanguine Lupine

With an Arcade Fire-sized lineup, Le Loup's sound is atmospheric. The band builds serious weather from mere whispers, starting with a single banjo line. Express contributor Kriston Capps caught up with songwriter Sam Simkoff to discuss the group's eclectic ingenuity. | [ONLINE NOW](#)



### FOOD

#### Italian Classic to Close

The District will lose another one of its dining institutions when A.V. Ristorante Italiano, a mainstay on New York Avenue, closes its doors after 58 years of business. Express contributor Jamie R. Liu takes a look back at the history of the classic restaurant. | [ONLINE NOW](#)



## comment board

**“This is seriously** getting ridiculous. How can anyone defend this anymore? Executive privilege is not a blank check, and it was never intended to be. Is this the man that talked about bringing ethics back to the White House?”

**COMMENTER PMMJ**, RESPONDING TO TUESDAY'S POLL CENTER QUESTION, "IS BUSH RIGHT TO DENY CONGRESS ACCESS TO HIS EX-AIDES?"



**“The president** has openly instructed two private citizens (former White House employees) not to cooperate with pending congressional investigations. My understanding is that this is an impeachable offense.”

**COMMENTER SHANE**, WHO ADDED, "THE PRESIDENT IS COATED WITH TEFLON, [WHILE] 'DUMBOCRATS' JUST ROLL OVER AND PLAY DEAD."

## poll center

### TODAY'S QUESTION

**Does McCain have any hope of winning the GOP nomination?**

1. Yes
2. No

### YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

**Is Bush right to deny Congress access to his ex-aides?**

AS OF 5 P.M. TUESDAY. NOT A SCIENTIFIC POLL.

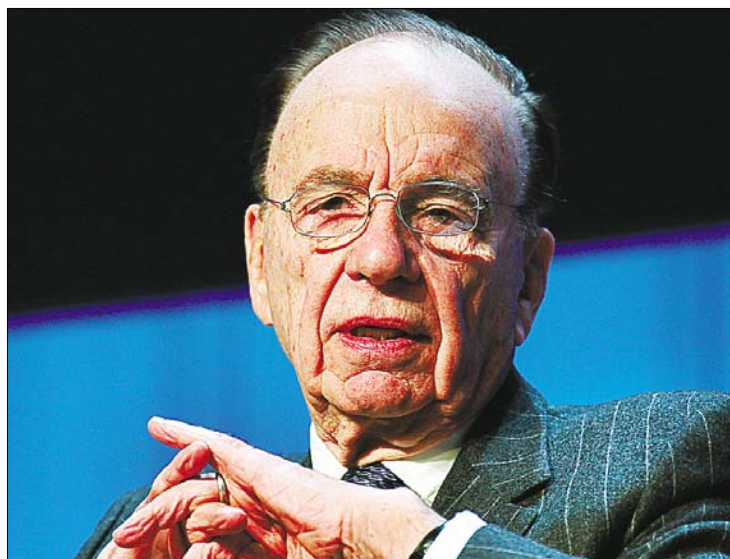


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## Blog LOG

**“But I would recommend that for their 100th annual convention two years from now, they come up with something ... a little more realistic.”**

**PLUNDERBUND.COM** DOES NOT THINK THE NAACP'S SYMBOLIC FUNERAL FOR THE N-WORD IN DETROIT WILL DO MUCH GOOD TO CURB THE USE OF THE OFFENSIVE TERM.



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**“It's not as though there [is] much of a difference between Fox and the editorial slant of the [Wall Street Journal] to begin with.”**

A COMMENTER AT **GAWKER.COM** WONDERS "WHY PEOPLE MAKE SUCH A BIG STINK ABOUT THE FACT THAT THE WSJ WON'T HAVE ANY INDEPENDENCE UNDER [RUPERT] MURDOCH," PICTURED ABOVE.



**“THAT JACKET** seems to have started life as an ode to Tudor-era fashions, and then veered off into something Fraulein Maria might have made from a bedspread and given to Joan Collins.”

**GOFUGYOURSELF.TYPEPAD.COM** CRITIQUES A DRESS WORN BY SARAH JESSICA PARKER AT A RECENT VALENTINO EVENT.

**“ON SUNDAY MORNING**, most waiters are hungover and wiped out from doing the things that are supposed to get you into Hell in the first place! Giving a waiter a religious tract is like giving Mephistopheles a parking ticket!”

ON **WAITERRANT.NET**, A WAITER SAYS IT'S STUPID FOR CHURCH-GOERS HEADING TO BRUNCH TO LEAVE RELIGIOUS MATERIALS BEHIND ON THE TABLE FOR SERVERS.

**“ARE WE REALLY** ready to let those responsible for such terrorism defeat us and conquer Iraq? If so, does anyone believe they will be satisfied with that victory over us and not move on to challenge us elsewhere?”

AN **ANKLEBITINGPUNDITS.COM** COMMENTER.

## Discussions

### Live Earth

Washington Post music critic **J. FREEDOM DU LAC** was online Tuesday and talked about Live Earth, summer music and some new artists.

**I caught some of the Live Earth coverage online and some on Bravo. I've never been a Keith Urban fan, but his duet with Alicia Keys was good. Kanye West's performance with the Police was embarrassing, to say the least. Was it more embarrassing than Sting introducing Al Gore as “another bass guitarist”?**

**So, is the summer as bad for music as it is for television and sports? Am I doomed to a summer of crappy albums, or is there hope in the future?**

Depends on your definition of crappy (and, conversely, good). The new White Stripes album is fantastic, as is the Spoon album that was released today. The Josh Ritter record that comes out in August is a quality entertainment product. I have high hopes for that Common CD that's coming out later this month.

**What's your take on Lily Allen? I can't decide whether I like her music or whether I am being momentarily swayed by mindless pop.**

Love some of her stuff, precisely because it's such mindless pop. But it's exceptionally crafted mindless pop, and she shows her teeth some, too. A great combo of salty and sweet.

**Those scientists at the Antarctic research station deserve some sort of award for performing outdoors in temperatures of 15 degrees below zero.**

I was really awestruck by that performance. That couldn't have been comfortable.

**TODAY ON DISCUSSIONS:** Orioles beat writer Adam Kilgore takes your questions and comments about the team at the season's halfway mark at 1 p.m. | [washingtonpost.com/discussions](http://washingtonpost.com/discussions).

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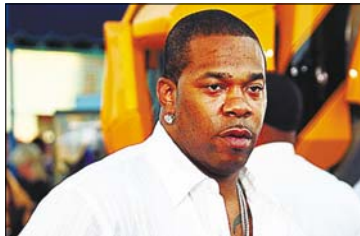
**GET READY FOR ON-THE-CLOCK NURSING.** The D.C. Council preliminarily approved a law that would require employers to allow women to breast-feed on the job. The Child's Right to Nurse Act of 2007 would “ensure a woman's right to breast-feed in any location where she has the right to be with her child, public or private.”







# LOOK out People



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**BUSTA RHYMES**, accused of attacking two men, driving drunk and driving with a suspended license, has rejected a plea deal and is facing four separate trials. A Manhattan judge denied a motion by the prosecution Tuesday to consolidate two assault charges against Rhymes, who refused a plea deal of one year in jail for all charges. (AP)

## CHARITY U.S. Angry Gibson Won't Subsidize Our Health Care

**MEL GIBSON** met with the president of Costa Rica to discuss a financial donation to help the country's native Indians. "He wants to help the indigenous population and wants to know how to channel the funds," said President Oscar Arias. Gibson told Arias he'll return next month to settle the details. (AP)



DAN STEINBERG/AP

## RELIGION

# Dearly Be Stupid

**TORI SPELLING** is now available for weddings. "Yep, that's right. ... Reverend Tori Spelling! I did it last week online and my official certificate is in the mail. I'm so proud," she said on MySpace. Spelling officiated at a same-sex union last weekend at Chateau La Rue, the bed-and-breakfast that she and her husband, Dean McDermott, run in Fallbrook, Calif. (AP)

## REJECTION 'I Am Too Important to Gossip With You Biddies'

Denying widespread rumors, **IVANKA TRUMP** has absolutely no plans to fill Rosie O'Donnell's slot on "The View," People.com reported. "There's zero chance I would do that," she told Ryan Seacrest on his radio show Tuesday. "I'm working on the sexiest projects around the world,"

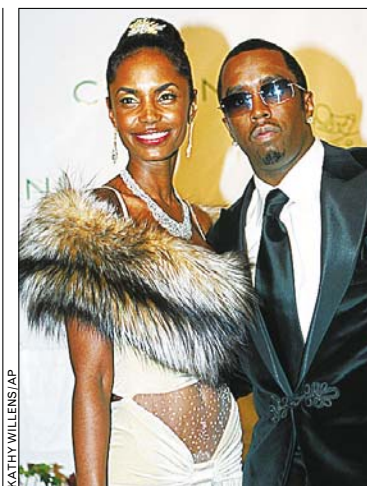


Ivanka's teeth now have their own N.Y.C. area code.

she explained. "For me, to be on a television show every day ... just wouldn't work for my schedule." Trump is vice president of real estate development and acquisitions for her father's company. She says the feud between her dad and O'Donnell was not relevant to her decision. (EXPRESS)

## LOVE Nothing Kills It Quicker Than Declaring It Publicly

Just months after his longtime girlfriend **KIM PORTER** gave birth to twin girls, **SEAN "DIDDY" COMBS** announced Tuesday that the pair have split up. The move comes a few months after the two publicly proclaimed their love in Essence magazine, which detailed their turbulent history: They already had a son when Combs began his romance with Jennifer Lopez, which ended in 2001. In the December article, Porter said Combs simply fell for a "big booty and a smile," and she knew he would be back. (AP)



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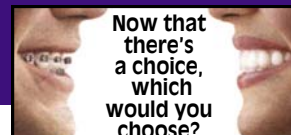
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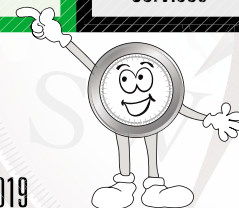
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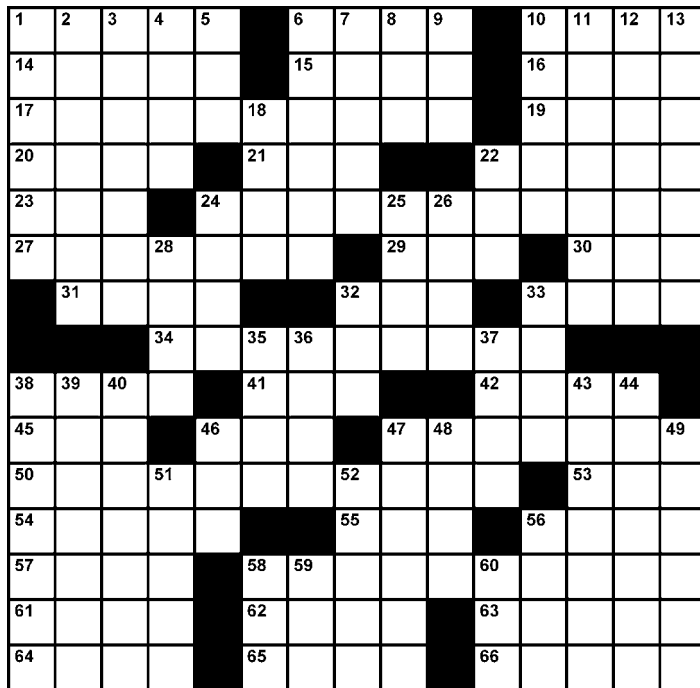
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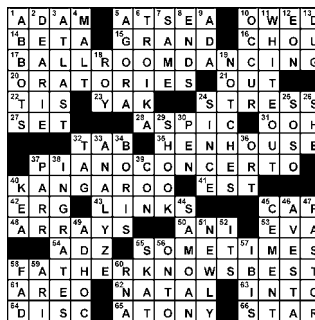


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### Yesterday's Solution



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### Yesterday's Solution

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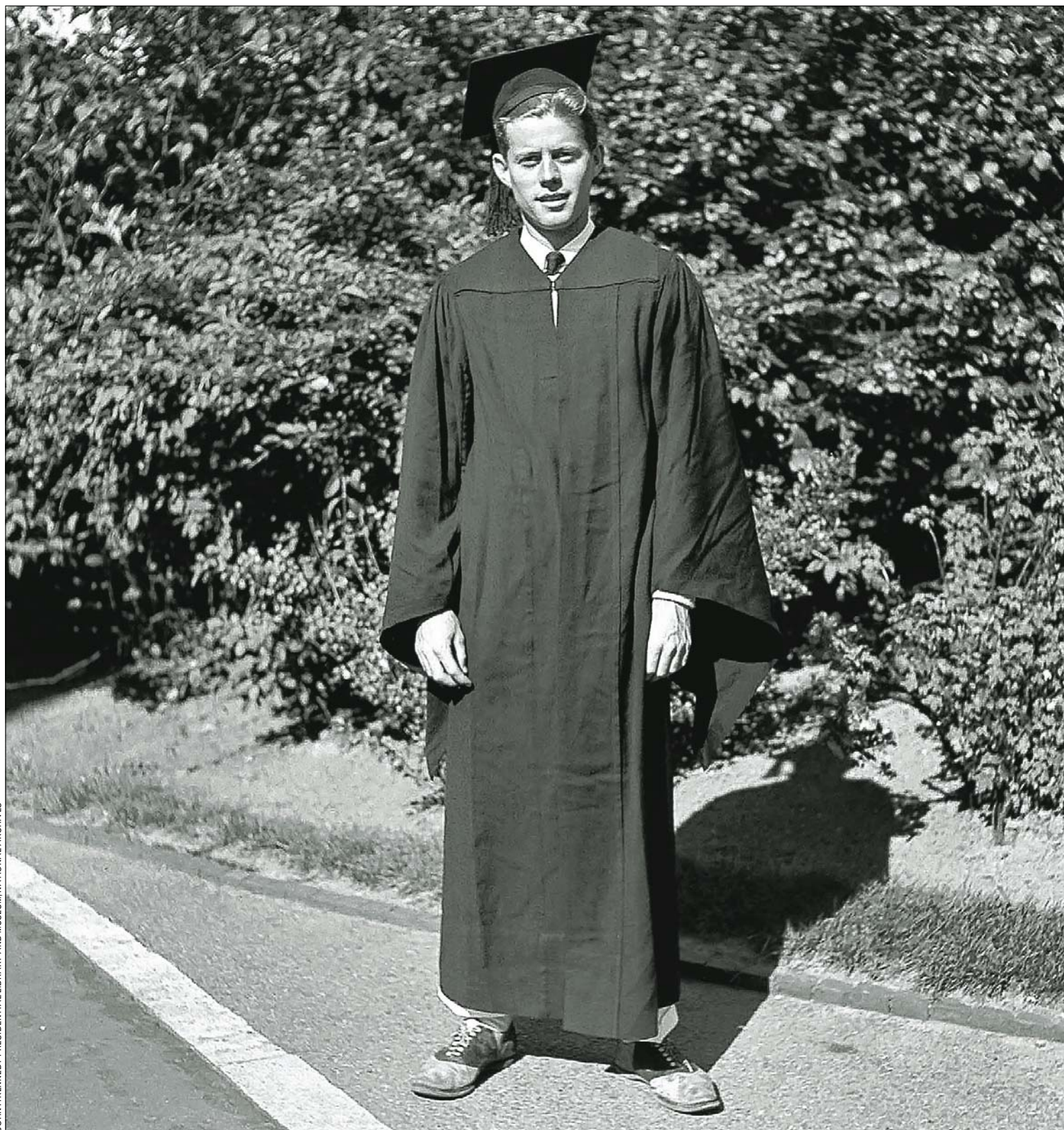
## Go to the Head of the State

An exhibit studies the school days of 12 U.S. presidents

**As a kid,** Herbert Hoover enjoyed reading "Ivanhoe." In high school in Grand Rapids, Mich., Gerald Ford got C's in Latin but scored far better on the football field. Jimmy Carter dreamed of attending the U.S. Naval Academy his whole life, but days after he arrived, he sent his mother a homesick letter saying, "We go into regimental formation tomorrow, when the trouble really starts."

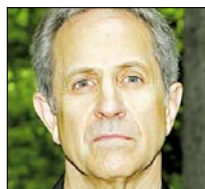
As long as there have been U.S. presidents, the country's citizens have been fascinated with where these politicians came from and how their educational backgrounds helped them get to 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. Think Abraham Lincoln attending classes in a crude log cabin in Kentucky or Dubya earning C's at Yale. "School House to White House," a new exhibit at the National

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Private investigators tackle mysteries that others can't solve | **E6**



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THE PERCENTAGE OF EMPLOYEES WHO REPORT IMPROVED JOB PERFORMANCE DUE TO FRIENDSHIPS WITH CO-WORKERS. (AP)



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## Executive Class

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Archives (700 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; archives.gov), delves into how 20th-century chief execs from Hoover to Clinton learned lessons in everything from compartment to calculus. Photos, documents and artifacts from presidential libraries paint a picture of the future leaders as schoolboys.

On a recent afternoon, a trio of preteen girls crowded the exhibit's opening section, which explores the presidents' grade school days. The girls giggled as they tested out old-fashioned desks displaying replicas of report cards including Harry Truman's (excellent) second-grade marks.

The exhibit tracks the 12 men from primary school through college using class photos, essays and progress reports. "I hope kids get the feeling from this that anyone could be president," says Jennifer Johnson, exhibit coordinator. "Their backgrounds show there



**WHO'S ON FIRST?** Dwight D. Eisenhower, second from right, top row, is shown with his 1908 high school baseball team.

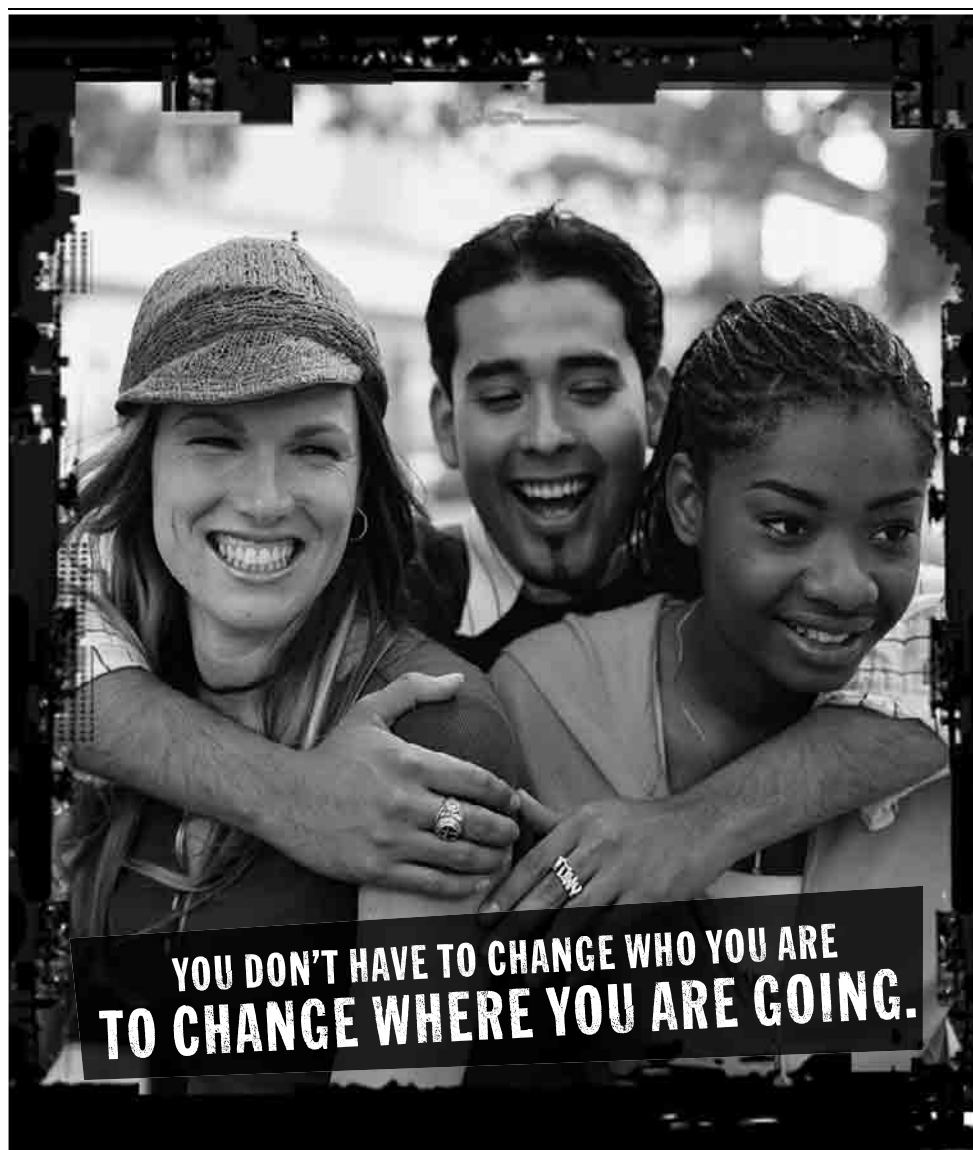
wasn't one general way to the White House."

Photos emphasize the men's divergent financial backgrounds and eras. There's hunky young Lyndon Baines Johnson in his 1924 senior class photo, bow-tied and grinning among a clutch of grizzled small-town Texas kids who look like extras from "The Grapes of Wrath." Across the room, Franklin Delano Roosevelt's class photo from the exclusive Groton prep school shows straw-hatted, blazered children of the elite.

And in the exhibit's most memorable shot, a beaming John F. Kennedy Jr. is wearing his college cap and gown — and scuffed, dirty saddle shoes.

"We wanted to tell people how different each of them had it," Johnson says. "It was pretty amazing." And anyone who wants to play Spot the Future World Leader will enjoy opening up real school lockers hold

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ing group photos ... press a button and little Franklin, Dick or Harry's mug lights up, singling him out from his classmates.

Reports cards, particularly popular with kids who drop by the National Archives, are posted throughout the show. They reveal that some future presidents did well — George H.W. Bush earned A's in reading and arithmetic in first grade! — while others dealt with academic struggles. A 1930 report card for "John Kennedy, Form II" at Connecticut's Canterbury School shows the 13-year-old Jack getting a 55 in Latin II and a 75 in Religion II. The teacher types at the end of the card: "This report is not quite as good as the last one ... He can do better than this."

One thing all these men had in common? "They were all really involved in things like drama or playing musical instruments,"

## From drama to diving, future presidents were extracurricular fiends.

Johnson says. "Future presidents were constantly doing things." Artifacts that document their overachieving range from a photo of Jimmy Carter with the Future Farmers of America to a music stand Bill Clinton used in his high school jazz band. A weathered theater program reveals that Lyndon Johnson portrayed a prodigal son in a school production of "An Old-Fashioned Mother."

Sports, too, made a big impact on the presidents' education. "Bush, Ford and Eisenhower were serious athletes," Johnson says. "But even FDR participated. I think it might've helped them to learn to deal with failure and learn about working together. That was probably helpful in the political arena as well."

Ford, the football hero, dominates this section — his 1935 University of Michigan yearbook describes him as a top-notch sportsman who "never drinks,



**THEN, THEY CALLED HIM THE FLIPPER:** Ronald Reagan, a member of the Eureka College swim team, prepares to jump in.

smokes, swears or tells dirty stories." There's also a charmingly gawky picture of Jimmy Carter on his high school basketball team.

Overall, "School House to White House" does much to humanize these men who ended up being leaders of the free world. Gaze at a photo of a young George H.W. Bush in a Yale sweater awkwardly holding his infant son George W. Bush, or see Jimmy Carter's sweet grade school book of word problems, and somehow finishing college and winning the electoral college don't seem that far apart. "These things help people relate to them on a personal level," Johnson says. "Many of us had school experiences like theirs."

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## Scholars in Chief, in Brief

**Whether they were smart cookies or wisecrackers, the presidents and their academic lives could never be wholly reflected on a report card. We did our homework and found some presidential schoolyard trivia that's top-of-the-class.**

- Though he once refused an honorary degree from Oxford claiming "no literary nor scientific attainment," Millard Fillmore still probably got an A from his teacher Abigail Powers when he married her in 1826.
- Franklin Pierce may not have been seen as "most likely to succeed." He once ranked at the bottom of his class at Bowdoin College, which he attended with Nathaniel Hawthorne and Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.
- Andrew Johnson had no formal schooling but was taught to read and write by his wife, Eliza McCardle, when he was 17.
- Rutherford B. Hayes' first experience with close contests was not his controversial election in 1876 but the spelling bees he often won as a child.
- As a presidential parlor trick, James Garfield used to simultaneously write Greek with one hand and Latin with the other.
- Though he dropped his first name in politics, Thomas Woodrow Wilson was not above a little tomfoolery. In 1873, he was fined 20 cents by Davidson College for "improper conduct" in the Eumenean Society hall.
- At Whittier College, Richard Nixon founded a fraternity called the Orthogonian Society and was elected class president when he campaigned on a platform of allowing dancing on campus at the Quaker school.
- Before entering politics, Lyndon Baines Johnson taught elementary school, high school and college in Texas.
- Bill Clinton was the first president to have been a Rhodes Scholar. He attended Oxford from 1968 to 1970, though he did not get a degree from there.
- George W. Bush was the head cheerleader at the all-boys' Phillips Academy preparatory school in Andover, Mass.
- Nine presidents, including George Washington, Andrew Jackson and Harry S. Truman, never attended college. Eleven presidents went to either Harvard or Yale, including John Adams, both Roosevelts, John F. Kennedy, Gerald Ford, Bill Clinton and both Bushes.

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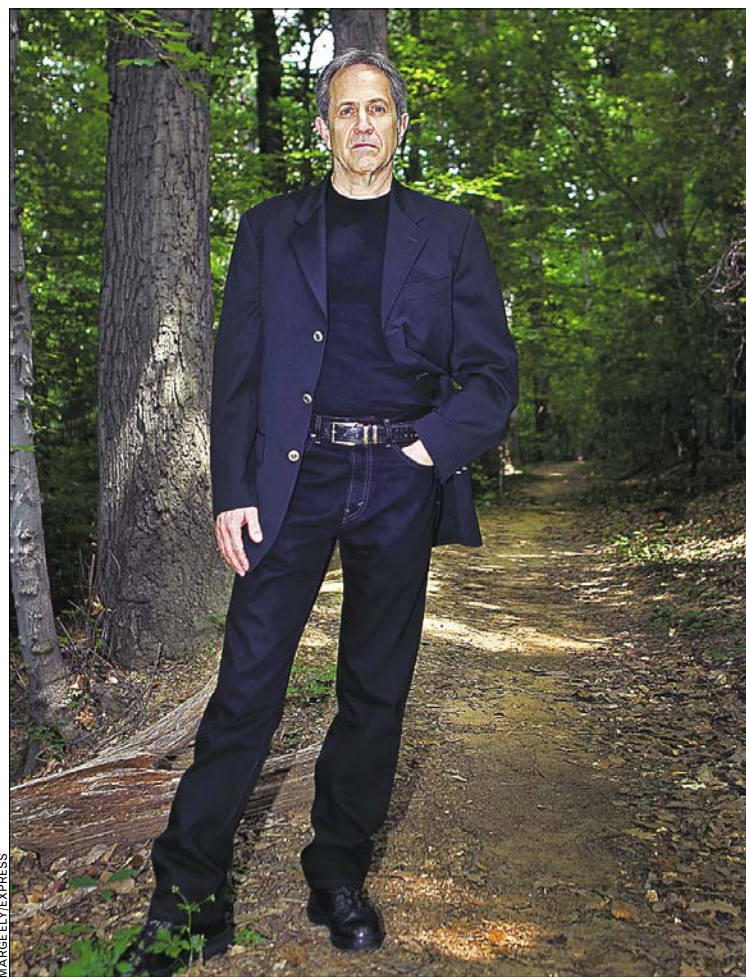
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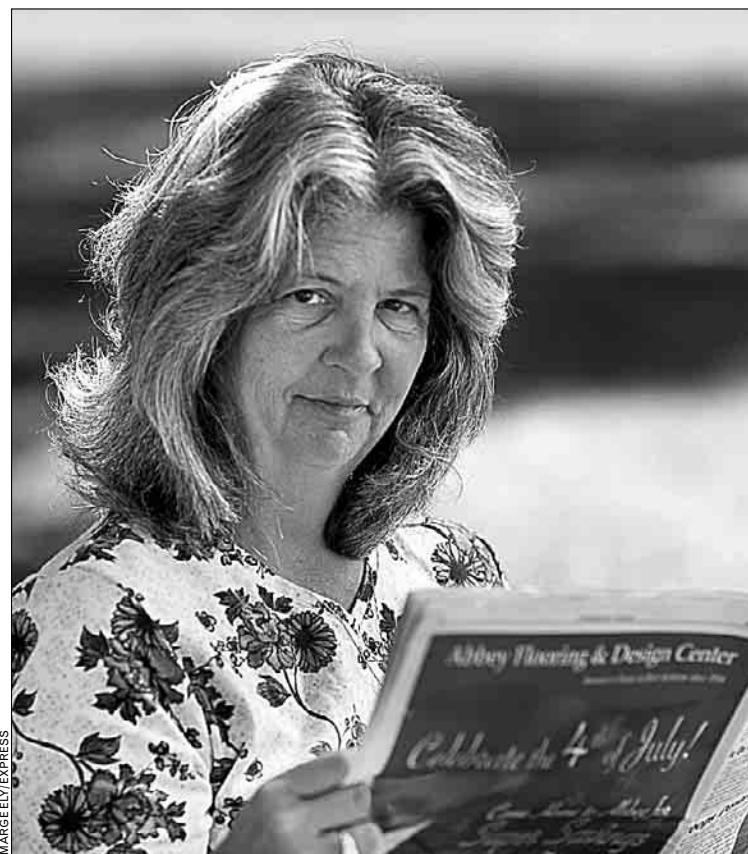
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## Super Sleuths

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region, employer and specialty. Mesis says, “Most licensed private investigators earn an [annual] salary of \$45,000 to \$75,000. However, there are many who earn \$150,000 per year or more and, obviously, those with less motivation that might break \$28,000.” Mesis says it’s realistic to expect to earn about \$35,000 to \$45,000 annually.

Warren Sonne, 58, a retired New York City police detective and founder and past president of the United States Association of Professional Investigators based in Washington, D.C., is a private investigator. He says good snoops have several traits in common.

“Investigators require an organized mind and need to keep things in perspective and be able to adjust theories. A competent investigator needs to have an inquiring mind and follow the facts,” he says.

Newbies may struggle at first. “The problem with new investigators is they try to make facts fit theories,” says Sonne, who hires investigators for his two New York- and Florida-based investigative businesses. He adds, “Investigators must be discreet, have some modicum of integrity and guard against

letting their own emotions about people influence where the case goes.”

Howard Miller, 60, teaches the Private Security Services Training Course — approved by the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services — at the Northern Virginia Security Academy in Falls Church, Va. An investigator for 35 years, Miller says it is important to develop expertise in an industry. Then, he says, “One can learn investigative techniques.”

The president of Miller Consulting Group in Falls Church, he describes the personality necessary to do undercover work: “A strong constitution, willing to work and do a job [that’s] not so glamorous, good health, education, self-discipline, a willingness to do unusual and risky things, and self confidence.”

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and often get there quickly, Miller stresses, "Be a good land navigator and be able to read maps." A good investigator will not just rely on MapQuest.

You're also not cut out for this career if you're a nine-to-fiver. Shirley Moore, 52, owns Potomac Investigations in Chantilly. She teaches wannabe sleuths at Central Academy there. She explains detectives must be ready to do things "at the drop of a hat." Moore works 60 to 80 hours per week and acknowledges that, for some people, that sort of schedule can take a toll.

"The hours can be long and unpredictable," she says. "You have to work when the work needs to be done. Holidays, evenings and weekends tend to disappear. It is a difficult profession to juggle with other commitments."

Moore joined the field after spending 21 years in the banking industry.

"I had always been interested in true crime stories and have a naturally curious, nosy nature," she says. "I met a customer at the bank who was a private investigator and ran a training school and, after talking with him for several months, decided to give it a try."

Moore now employs three investigators at her agency, which conducts investigations in both civil and criminal cases.

"It is fun and exciting," she says. "Criminal [cases are] my favorite. Every day is different."

"In all cases, your goal, typically, is to get people to talk to you," says Brad Garrett, 58, a retired FBI special agent who's worked several high-profile cases. "The real bottom line is communication."

Garrett was the lead FBI agent in the disappearance and homicide investigation of Capitol Hill intern Chandra Levy. Though Rock Creek Park has been combed by police innumerable times since her remains were found, Garrett continues to revisit the area, sifting for any clues or new leads that might solve her case.

He also played a key role in the 2002 D.C. sniper case, at one point interviewing Lee Boyd Malvo and obtaining a confession regarding Malvo's and John Lee Mohammad's participation in the sniper shootings.

"P.I. work has many similarities to law enforcement investigative work," he says. "You are identifying people, locating them and, hopefully, interviewing them."

Garrett claims the most rewarding aspect of his work is figuring out and corroborating what really happened, despite a lack of clues or other crucial evidence. "My job is to find the truth. I'm always looking for the bottom line."

Kevin Hooks, director of

Investigations for INTERPROBE in Fairfax, Va., has worked in the field since 1986. He currently deals with everything from insurance fraud cases and corporate surveillance to tracking down people who have disappeared. He says if you like Rubik's Cube, consider this career.

"One must have an above-average degree of common sense, must be a good observer, have street smarts, have good academic skills, be a bit nosy and have an interest in solving puzzles," says Hooks.

Both Garrett and Hooks acknowledge the boundaries between law enforcement officers and private investigators. They recognize that law enforcement officers have easier access to information because they possess a badge and have subpoena powers.

"I have to obtain records through public sources and interviews," says Garrett.

Hooks adds, "Police have a badge. A P.I. has to find other ways to get information."

Hooks says those who are cut out to be a sleuth will find it rewarding, despite the sacrifices.

"The job can be very lucrative if you are diligent about it and good at it," he says.

"If your heart is in it, you'll know it after three months. It's a job you would never get bored with — ever."

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**SIP, SWIRL, REPEAT:** At a wine tasting hosted by D.C. expert Mark Phillips, Shannon Brennan tries out a Virginia vintage.

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Wine is on the rise throughout the United States and, according to a Gallup poll released last summer,

is poised to eclipse beer as the beverage of choice among Americans who imbibe.

The wine scene in the Washington area is vast and varied. It'd be almost impossible to give an exhaustive account of all the wine-related events happening regularly around the Beltway. What we can do is offer snapshots of the types of activities and excursions that are tempting palates at all levels of sophistication. The goal for each is the same: good times.

### Ladies' Night

Let's be honest: Most book clubs are simply a front for wine-inspired gossip fests. It might be time to ditch the books.

"We're usually here with a rowdier crowd that doesn't listen at all. This is a quiet night," Lynn Dillon, 52, said almost apologetically as her trio pealed into laughter over the last of their Rieslings at a recent

meeting of the Women's Wine Tasting Club in McLean. "This is ladies' night out. It's just fun."

But even at ladies' night, there is lots to learn. As dim sum is served and seven wine samples are poured, the evening's special guest discusses the impact of German wine laws and the lineage of the country's great vineyards.

It's kind of a tough crowd for that type of talk. But no matter. The group's leader, Cecile Giannangeli, who owns wine shops in McLean and Gaithersburg, knows how to keep her congregation laughing.

"When you have a glass of wine and a taste of food, one should make you want to go back to the other," she said, quickly putting alternate hands to her mouth. "Thus, overeating and overdrinking."

The club's monthly meetings attract women on their own, as well as in pairs and groups. By the end of the evening, it doesn't make



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much difference anyway — they all wind up mingling and chatting and promising they'll see one another at the next session.

*For info, see [finewine.com](http://finewine.com). Fees range from \$40 to \$65 per session.*

### House Calls

Manny and Stephanie Holguin are nothing if not inspired hosts. The Leesburg couple's soirees — legendary in the neighborhood — have included sushi parties, salsa dancing fetes and chili cook-offs.

But the wine bash they threw — well, let's just say everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. The Holguins hired a professional wine guy, Mark Phillips, to select the vintages and give his "Wine 101" talk as guests sipped blissfully in the backyard twilight.

Phillips was hired after Manny Holguin, 50, happened upon his public television show ("Enjoying Wine With Mark Phillips") the previous month and was taken with the wine expert's decidedly egalitarian approach.

"I think I'm like a heck of a lot of people in that I really enjoy drinking wine, but more often than not, I'm hit or miss," Manny Holguin said. "He really demystifies things."

Over a New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc and a fizzy Moscato d'Asti that he brought to the party, Phillips chatted breezily about the basics of wine — where to buy it, how to speak the lingo and which ones match best with which foods.

Ninety minutes into the talk a chill set in and Phillips began to wrap up, but guests lingered on, with more questions and stories and requests for refills. Finally, the goose bumps got to be too much, but the Holguins' revelers weren't ready for the festivities to end — there was, after all, more wine to be drunk inside.

"Steph got calls from people several days after, about how wonderful it was and they were going to try this wine or that wine," Manny Holguin said. "I think everyone was absolutely thrilled ... it was the talk of the neighborhood."

*Wine parties don't require a professional, but there are several who are willing to make house calls. Mark Phillips, director of the Wine Tasting Association, can be reached at 703-799-1221. Laurie Forster, a self-proclaimed "wine coach," also gives wine talks at private parties. (410-820-4212 or [laurie@thewinecoach.com](mailto:laurie@thewinecoach.com).)*

### Off-Line, on the Vine

Everyone knew that Doug Klapac worked in forensics, that Bill Delaney was fiercely patriotic. They knew who was partial to Bordeaux and who preferred Barolos.

They didn't know that their organizer, the one with an encyclopedic knowledge of Italian wines, would turn out to be a 25-year-old, only in town for a summer internship. And no one guessed that the man they knew as Rajiv was a blond white guy.

Cyberspace, it turns out, has its

the host. A theme — usually a year or a style or a region — is chosen in advance. Everybody brings a bottle to share, and a taste of each wine is offered to the restaurant's owner.

Awkward pauses and pre-dinner jitters are tough to avoid — it is, after all, basically a big blind date with extra libations. The Cleveland Park offline, for instance, was the culmination of almost two years of near-daily Internet exchanges.

But over gorgonzola appetizers, wild boar entrees and glass after glass of meticulously chosen



Cecile Giannangeli raises her glass at a Women's Wine Tasting event in McLean.

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CECILE GIANNANGELI, WINE EXPERT

limits — not the least of which is the inability to capture the teeming bouquet of a '99 Brunello.

For years, the Internet has been the anointed medium for sophisticated oenophiles to debate the merits of their favorite varietals. But increasingly, regular members of online wine communities are moving their conversations to less, uh, pilated settings.

The rules: One person acts as

Italian varietals, the seven, ranging in age from 25 to 41, roll their chatter from choppy pleasantries to dreamy-eyed stories of their first great bottle, before finally, sheepishly, revealing the secrets of their online monikers.

Rajiv, it turns out, just seemed like a cool name at the time.

*Off-lines often spring from popular Internet bulletin boards. A good listing of local events can be found at [localwineevents.com/Washington-DC-Wine](http://localwineevents.com/Washington-DC-Wine).*

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## Wine Tastings

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needed extra provisions. The five-woman gaggle, friends for more than 20 years, had stocked up on muffins, chicken salad sandwiches and homemade sangria before the 50-minute ride to Pearmund Cellars, the first in a three-stop tour of Virginia's wineries.

The official occasion was Myers's 50th birthday, but that was just an excuse — an excuse to gather, to drink, to demand the queenly service they deserved.

Standing among the vines, swirling glasses of a 2004 Viognier, our mid-Atlantic Ya-Yas requested that their guide — vineyard owner Chris Pearmund — give a thorough explanation of the wine-making process, but do it "in the briefest possible way."

The women, who met two



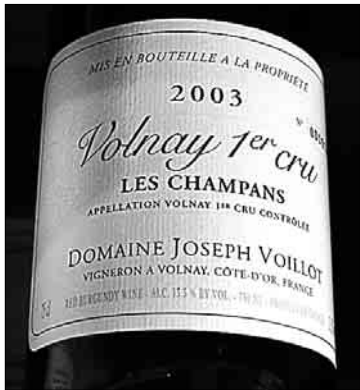
At Pearmund Cellars vineyard, Chris Pearmund, second from right, points out details about one of the many wines he makes.

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decades ago when they all worked for a local government contractor, chose an excursion with Virginia Wine Country Tours, a group that often coordinates special meetings with vineyard officials and provides drivers who have some knowledge of the state's wine industry.

After sampling the selection and picking up a few bottles at Pearmund, it was back into the limo and over to Oasis Winery in Hume, where Myers and friends were greeted with a glass of champagne and asked to roll up their pant legs. Turns out this stop included a little "I Love Lucy"-style grape stomping before the tour and tasting.

At Oasis, there was much lingering over brie and Cabernet Sauvignon, and even Penny "I'm a beer girl" Price seemed to be having a fine time.

There was still one more stop. The merry band descended into the Rappahannock Cellars' bowels for a lesson on fermentation and then back up into the tasting room, where smiles emerged as the corks were pulled. Biggest hit — a potent desert wine named Solera.

The journey was supposed to end at 5 p.m., but it was nearly 8 p.m. by the time Myers and her friends poured back into the limo, its trunk nearly full from treasures found along the way.

For information: 540-622-2505; [virginiawinecountrytours.com](http://virginiawinecountrytours.com). Accommodates groups of two to 48 in its limos and buses. \$270 to \$900-plus. ELLEN MCCARTHY (THE WASHINGTON POST)



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